

The Historical Register of the Louisiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church



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Dedication

This work is dedicated to the thousands of United Methodist laity and clergy that have served Louisiana through the past two centuries. Sometimes we take our present situation for granted and forget the labor and love that have gone into the formation of our connectional family of churches across the state. Let us build upon the solid foundation created over the past two centuries to minister to a new century today and in the future.

Acknowledgements

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Introduction

This Historical Register contains one page on each active church in the Louisiana Annual Conference. Each page includes is: a picture of the church, statistics (*city, address, 2003 membership, and date founded*), a short church history, directions to the church, and a map.

The photographs of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist churches were taken by Tim Hebert from 1994 to 2004. The pictures vary in contrast and lighting, due to the different times and days when each church was visited. The original pictures and negatives will be stored at the Archives at Centenary.

The ‘City’ is where the church can be found. For rural churches, it is sometimes the nearest community or town. The address is the physical address, not necessarily the mailing address. For the current mailing address and phone numbers, consult the most recent Conference Journal.

The ‘Founded’ date may not appear for all churches. Different churches may also declare their formation date according to different criteria. For some, they may date their church to when the first Methodist services were held in the area. Others use the date of the formation of the first society or congregation. The most common method of identifying a founding date is to use the date of the construction of the first church building. If a church identifies its founding date as the organization of the church (before a church was constructed), that date is given. For some churches that began in the 19th century, exact records for the founding date could not be found. If the date given is different than the date accepted by your church, please let me know <tim@la-umc.org>.

The church histories may contain varying amounts of information, depending on what was submitted. If the material was titled or published, that information was listed as the source. For the most part, the brief histories concentrate on the formation of each church and its facilities over the years. That information forms a framework for the church over the years and is a good starting point for compiling histories. Current information, such as this year’s pastor, was not included.

Material such as individual church groups and general statements were kept to a minimum to conserve space. Most if not all church histories could state they formed UMW groups, held youth activities, have been blessed by God in many ways, etc. For example, this statement was given by one church: “*The congregation continues a rich legacy of mission and ministry to the larger community and world! Thanks be to God!*” Similar statements can be found in the material submitted for many church histories. Though they may have been left out of these abridged versions, I think we can all agree ... for all of our churches ... that they were cultivated over the years by many faithful members and clergy, that people were blessed by the mission and ministry of our churches, and that we pray God will continue to bless our churches and our people and will use them to do great things. A separate work on the faith stories across the Conference was planned to expand upon such material ... but due to a lack of response from churches it had to be cancelled.

The written directions to finding each church were usually given from one direction. The maps were individually drawn and may represent various scales. The elements of the map are not to scale. For all maps, north is up. Maps of city churches will often only show the immediate area, while rural churches may include a larger area.

The data that was submitted on church histories will be scanned in its entirety (except for copyrighted books). Since only half a page of material could be fit onto each Register page, there is much more information available for many churches. The scanned data will be stored on DVDs at Centenary and at Dillard. Much of it will later be added to the online Historical Register. The original submitted material will be stored at the Archives at Centenary College in Shreveport.

You will notice that the font size used for the history portion varies. Though a regular size was set for all of them, some summarized histories were so long the font size had to be reduced to accommodate all the material on that church's one page.

The churches are arranged by districts. Over the years, the districts have changed ... in number, district office location, and churches included. In 2003, the Annual Conference voted to reduce the number of districts from nine to seven. The Ruston and North Shore districts were eliminated and their churches placed in one of the other seven districts. Generally speaking, the Ruston churches were divided between the Shreveport and Monroe districts, and the North Shore churches were divided between the Baton Rouge and New Orleans districts. The layout of this book was adjusted in the spring of 2004 to conform to the new seven district arrangement.

History of the Historical Register Project

The Historical Register Project began about 1994. Tim Hebert was working on writing a history of the United Methodist Church in the Houma and Terrebonne Parish area for FUMC Houma's 150th anniversary in 1995. In trying to find information on nearby congregations, he found that the history of some of our churches was hard to find ... especially for smaller rural churches. So he began researching the histories of Acadiana District churches and visited each church to take a picture. Naming the project the Historical Register, he approached the Commission on Archives and History with the completed Acadiana District and inquired about expanding the scope to include the entire Conference. The Commission agreed to support the project in concept and financially (to pay for expenses incurred). Mr. Hebert later found that a similar idea had already been suggested by the Commission in the 1970s, and Rev. Bill McCutcheon had assembled summaries of about 150 churches in 1992. The history of the Louisiana Conference ... **Becoming One People** ... had been written in the 1980s, but it did not include much information on individual churches.

Working one district at a time, Mr. Hebert began working his way through the Conference. After each of the first four districts, a district version of the Historical Register was completed and printed. To visit every church in the Conference required a cumulative 30+ days and over 10,000 miles of driving ... spread out over the course of ten years.

After Mr. Hebert got more involved in other Conference tasks (as Conference Lay Speaking Director and Conference web servant), work on the Register slowed down. The project was also delayed to provide time for those churches to respond. After initial visits and contacts of churches in all nine districts, there were still 200 churches that hadn't submitted a history for inclusion in the project.

Finally, with the end of the quadrennium approaching, the Historical Register was completed. A final attempt at securing missing church histories was made in the spring of 2004. A rough draft of the material was placed online in March 2004, and churches were asked to verify their church's information. Although every church did not submit a history, hopefully material will later be found and added.

The updated information will be posted on the web version of the Historical Register <<http://www.historicalregister.org/>>. Replacement pages will be available online to print and add to existing printed copies. If there are errors or corrections that need to be made in the future, please send them to Tim Hebert <tim@la-umc.org>. Apologies if there are errors or omissions, but multiple attempts were made to get churches to submit data and check their entry before publication.

The Historical Register Online - <http://www.historicalregister.org/>

The entire contents of the Historical Register is posted online at <<http://www.historicalregister.org/>>. The online version will be edited as necessary to include additional and updated information. Please notify the website if there is new information that should appear. This includes construction of new facilities or major events in the life of the church. An interior image of the church will be posted if they are made available. If a new sanctuary is built, a photograph would be appreciated so that it can be posted. Additional information and photos from churches, collected during the compilation of the Historical Register, will be added as time permits. If the information for a church changes significantly, a version in Word format will be available online so that it can be printed and inserted as a replacement for the older page. The Historical Register Online is part of the larger Archives & History website for the Louisiana Conference at <<http://www.iscuo.org/>>.

For more information on the clergy that have guided the Church over the years, all available Memoirs (obituaries published in Conference Journals) have been posted online in a searchable database at <<http://www.iscuo.org/memoirsproject.htm>>.

Current information on the Louisiana Conference and its mission and ministries can be found at its website <<http://www.la-umc.org/>>. Links to each district's current information web page are located at <<http://www.la-umc.org/churches.htm>>.

ACADIANA DISTRICT

The Acadiana District (AC) covers south central Louisiana. It stretches from Pecan Island on the western border to Matthews at the east. The northernmost church in the district is at Lettsworth. The Acadiana District office is located in the Dauphine Bldg., Suite 100 at 850 Kaliste Saloom Rd. in Lafayette (70508). The office number is 337-235-2904. The fax number is 337-235-0080. The email address is <acadumc@bellsouth.net>.

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Abbeville United Methodist Church



City	Abbeville
Address	213 N. State St.
Membership	369
Founded	1869

Methodist circuit riders began venturing into "Lower Vermilion" preaching places in the 1830's. By 1850, the Annual Conference Missionary Apportionments had designated \$50 to start a Vermilion Circuit. Traveling ministers would serve the Abbeville area, including churches at Perry's Bridge and Prairie Gregg) through the 1850's. Although the first minister, John S. Davies, was appointed to "Abbeville" in 1860, the church wasn't officially organized until 1869. In that year, Dr. William D. White built a two story building to be used as a Methodist church and as a Masonic Lodge. Before the first parsonage was built (in 1884), the ministers stayed at Dr. White's private home.

Recognizing the need for a larger building, a larger lot was bought in 1882 from Jean Boyance at the corner of State and St. Victor Streets. Under the leadership of Rev. Alfred E. Clay, a white, wood-framed church was built two years later.

As Abbeville grew, it became the "home church" for the appointed minister, who also served other area churches. In 1934, the members of Perry's Bridge and Prairie Gregg merged with the congregation of Abbeville.

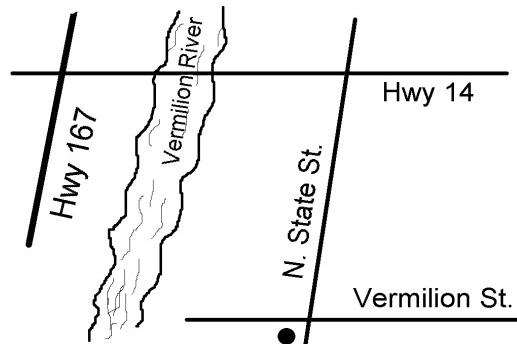
In 1944, a lot on the corner of State and Vermilion Streets was purchased. Construction of a new church began in 1947 under the direction of Rev. E.W. Day. Although services began in the sanctuary in 1948, the church wasn't officially dedicated until May 6, 1951.

A home (on the corner of North Washington and Vermilion) was bought and remodeled for use as the new parsonage. The dedication for the parsonage was held on January 5, 1964. The old parsonage was used to hold Sunday School classes until it was torn down to make room for a new educational building. The educational building was completed in 1966 and dedicated on February 4, 1973.

SOURCE: History of the Abbeville Methodist Church, Stella M. Williams

How to Get There:

From Hwy 167 South, turn left on Hwy 14 and cross the Vermilion River. Turn right at the first light and head south on N. State St. Go about 1/2 mile and you will see the church on the SW corner of N. State and Vermilion Streets. Note: North State St. is a one way street heading south.



Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Franklin
Address	910 Main Street
Membership	79
Founded	1865

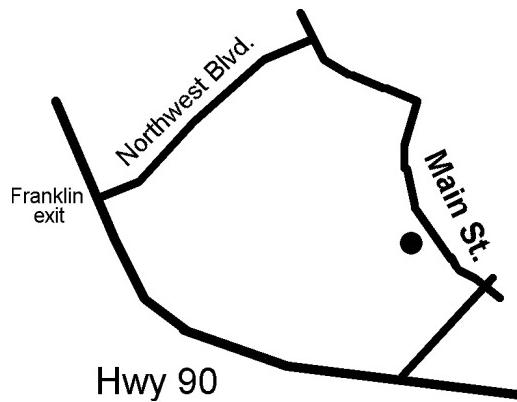
The church building, which had belonged to the southern branch of Methodism, was taken by the northern branch during the Civil War for use as a church for African-Americans. Rev. Thomas Kennedy began services for the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church on Christmas day, 1865.

Over the years, the church has been damaged by storms such as hurricanes Betsy and Andrew. The congregation has faithfully repaired the damage and continued to worship at the church. The church has also gone through remodeling over the years. A service of consecration was held at Asbury on October 18, 1970. Bishop Aubrey Walton and the pastor, Rev. George M. Alfred, officiated.

The Asbury church is part of the Historic District of Franklin.

How to Get There:

Take the Franklin exit off of Hwy 90 and head east for a couple of miles until you get to Main St. (Hwy 182). Turn right and head into town. After about a mile, the road makes a sharp right turn. About 1/2 mile after you turn, you will see the church on your left.



Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Lafayette
Address	101 Live Oak Blvd.
Membership	3109
Founded	1955

Property was purchased on Johnson St. in Lafayette in 1954 for \$2000 by the Lake Charles DS for church expansion. In mid-1954, Rev. R.R. Branton, DS of the new Lafayette District, sold the property because it was in a poor location. He purchased property on Live Oak Blvd. for \$13,000. An organizational meeting was held at Morgan Hall's appliance store on May 1, 1955. At Rev. Branton's invitation, 37 people responded and the Asbury Methodist Church was formed. The name "Asbury" was suggested by Doris Branton.

In May 1955, Rev. Howard Hudson was appointed as Asbury's first pastor. Services were held for 6 months at the concessions building of the Twin Drive-In Theater. The first service, on June 5, 1955 had 65 adults and children in attendance. The 75 member congregation decided to build a church with \$47,000 borrowed and \$10,000 from the 1000 Club. Groundbreaking ceremonies were on August 14. On December 11, 1955, the first services were held in the new building. After one year, the membership had risen to 256. In 1956, Rev. Byrl Moreland was appointed pastor. During his 6 year tenure, membership rose to 574. Two wooden buildings were constructed to be used as Sunday School rooms. A parsonage was constructed in 1956 at a cost of \$17,000. In 1961, arrangements were made to construct an educational building. In 1962, Asbury Day School was begun. Under Rev. Robert McCammon, who served from 1962 to 1966, groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary were held on November 30, 1965. Rev. George Ross, who followed Rev. McCammon, preached the first sermon in the new church in 1966. By the end of Rev. Ross' 6 year tenure, the church membership had risen to 1999, a new parsonage was built, a youth activities building was built, and more programs were added.

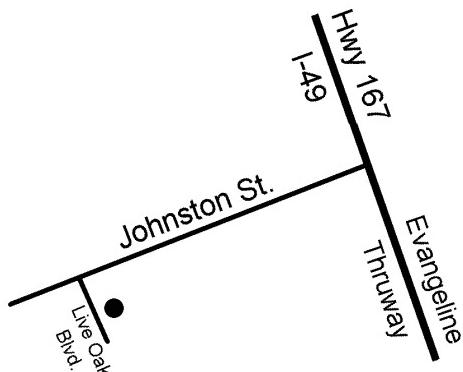
When Rev. James J. Caraway served, the first church bus was purchased. At the end of Rev. Caraway's tenure (in 1977), the membership stood at 2153. He was followed by Rev. Clyde Frazier. While he was there, the wooden Sunday School buildings were removed. From 1979 to 1988, Dr. Ray Branton was appointed to Asbury. He purged the rolls, reducing the membership number to 1806, and then to 1741. But by the time he left, membership was up to 2231. Dr. Branton increased morning worship to 3 services and 2 Sunday School hours. An administration building was constructed and more property was purchased.

Dr. Branton was followed by Dr. Stone Caraway in 1988.

Source: Asbury's Journey: 1955-1990

How to Get There:

Hwy 29 South runs into Hwy 167 which runs into the Evangeline Thruway. Turn right on Johnson Street (or left, if you're coming from the south) and head west about 3 miles. Turn left on Live Oak Blvd. and you will see the church on your left.



Bayou Blue United Methodist Church



City	Bayou Blue
Address	Lake Long
Membership	232
Founded	1907



Houma Heights: 1960s-1990s

In 1899, a group of people formed the Spiritualist Society of Bayou Blue. The first services were held in a hay barn. When Rev. Martin Hebert came to town in 1907 and began preaching, the Society found that their views coincided with Methodism. The entire congregation of 60+ members joined to form the St. James Methodist Church that year. The church was served by local pastors, such as Robert Martin, and the Houma pastor. Over the next decade, the church was destroyed by hurricanes in 1912 and 1926; but each time it was rebuilt. In 1962 property was obtained and a new, larger brick church was built. The church was renamed LaGrange Memorial at that time.

To have more space and get away from nearby industrial development, the church decided to relocate to property donated by the Farmand J. Matherne, Sr. family. With financial help from the estate of Lucide Cox, a new church was completed and the first service held there on April 6, 1981. The name of the church was changed to Bayou Blue United Methodist Church.

The Bayou Blue congregation was joined by the Houma Heights members in the 1990s. The roots for Houma Heights began in 1917 when Ella Hooper and Laura White were appointed to the Houma area and started a Wesley House. In a few years, their efforts developed into the MacDonnell School. As time passed, a chapel was built at MacDonnell. As Houma was growing around that area, it was determined that a church should be built to serve the school and the east side of Houma.

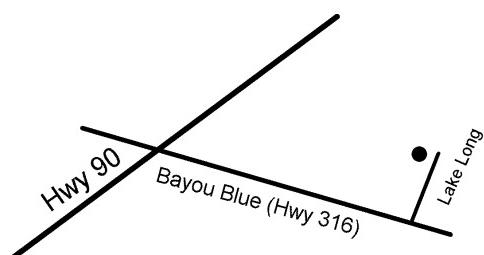
In 1938, a pastor (Oakley Lee) was appointed to MacDonnell. Soon after, on May 21, 1939, Houma Heights Methodist Church held its official opening. The original church was built at the rear of the school property and included the staff and pupils in its ministry. It was finally completed in the spring of 1942 under Rev. M.S. Robertson. In the 1960's, property was bought on Hialeah Ave., about 2 miles from the school. A new church was soon constructed.

At the 2000 Annual Conference, the merger of the Houma Heights congregation with Bayou Blue was approved.

Source: Methodism Along the Bayou, Timothy Hebert

How to Get There:

About 6 miles east of Houma on Hwy 90, you will turn east onto Hwy 316 (Bayou Blue). You will drive on this road for several miles. When you get to Lake Long (Hwy 656), turn left. The church is up ahead on your left.



First United Methodist Church - Berwick



City	Berwick
Address	109 Gilmore Dr.
Membership	284
Founded	1898

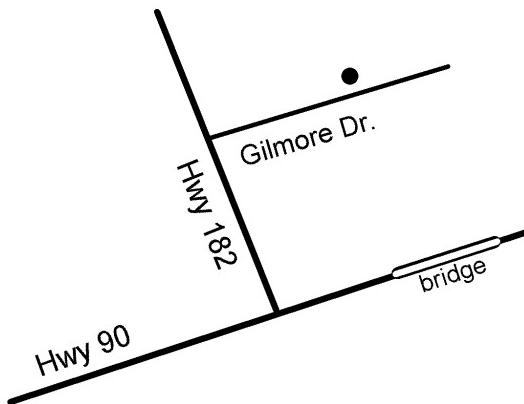
In 1875, Rev. A.E. Clay was appointed to serve the Morgan City-Berwick communities. A Sunday School was organized in 1890 by Capt. John Pharr and Gunder Thorguson. It met in the old Eureka Hall. About 1895, the Berwick Methodists began holding worship services at the temporary facilities.

The first Methodist Church in Berwick was built on Canton Street in 1898. It was built by a thankful John Pharr, whose sugar cane crop was spared. As part of a covenant with God, Capt. Pharr built the church. The following year, he sold the building and land to the church for \$1.

The first resident pastor, Rev. T.F. King, wasn't appointed until 1943. He also served the Patterson Church. In 1950, an educational building was built under the guidance of Mrs. Chloe Allen. The parsonage was built in 1957 at 3802 John St. In 1966, two acres of land on Gilmore St. were donated by Elizabeth Pharr, granddaughter of Capt. John Pharr. The present church was built at a cost of \$136,000 on the property during the tenure of Rev. J.C. Wallace. The first services were held in 1968, and the note was paid off on October 30, 1977.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 90, take Hwy 182 North (just west of the bridge) when you get to Berwick. Head north for about 1/2 mile and then turn right on Gilmore. The church will be just ahead on your left.



Briggs United Methodist Church



City	Abbeville
Address	13528 Community Rd.
Membership	56
Founded	1888

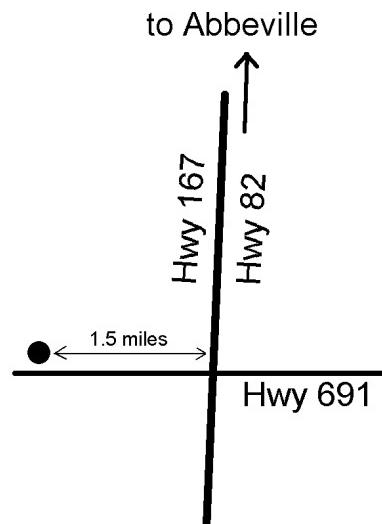
In the late 1800s, the people of the Hebert Cove community desired to have a church for their spiritual development. Led by the Rev. J.A. Vincent and Rev. J.F. Marshall, the interested citizens met to determine a location for the church. Lofty T. Briggs donated an acre of land for the church. Construction on the new church began early in 1888. A sanctuary and a parsonage were built by the church members themselves. Rev. Marshall was the presiding elder at that time, and the church's first pastor was Rev. Vincent.

As the population became more spread out, the congregation decided to relocate to a better site. Property was exchanged and the building was moved to the new (and current) site.

In 1934, a storm damaged the church. The steeple was destroyed. Temporary repairs were made at that time. Later, under the leadership of Rev. James Smith, the church was remodeled to reduce its size, as the membership had declined.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 167 South out of Abbeville. After about 8 miles, turn right at a flashing yellow light onto Mouton Cove (Hwy 691). The church is 1.5 miles down on your right.



Calvary United Methodist Church



City	Thibodaux
Address	203 E. 7 th St.
Membership	154
Founded	1866

In 1866, the Freedman's Aid Society purchased a lot from Rachel Tabor. The Society was aimed at the "aiding of Colored People, who called themselves Christians." A building located elsewhere in the state was torn down and the lumber brought to Thibodaux by barge. Under the auspices of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, a church was established.

The original church was built in 1867 under the leadership of Rev. William Murrell. In 1885, the church was rebuilt under while Rev. G.W. Lacey was pastor. Although the roof was repaired in 1930, extensive renovation wasn't done until 1976 under Rev. Taft Bowie.

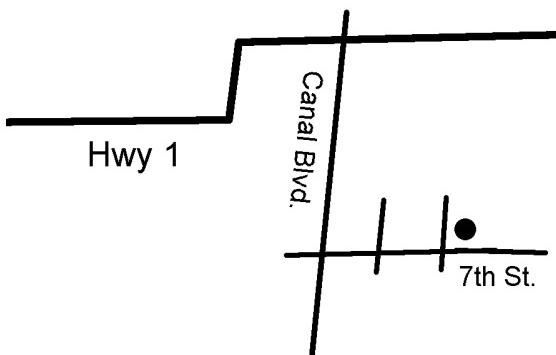
The Calvary United Methodist Church was used as a school for Black children until the 1920's, when the state established schools.

During the 1995 conference year, the church (which has stood since 1885) received a historical marker from the Commission on Archives and History.

Source: The History of Calvary United Methodist Church: 1867-1993

How to Get There:

Head into Thibodaux via Hwy 1. In the middle of downtown, you will turn south on Canal Blvd. After about 7 blocks, turn left onto 7th Street. The church is two blocks down on your left.



Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church



City	Lafayette
Address	300 E. Martial Ave.
Membership	624
Founded	1961

In 1961, 22 people formed a small church on Beadle Road. They built a small "A-frame" wooden building and named it Ivanhoe Methodist Church, after a nearby subdivision. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Harold Hines. A small building was later purchased and moved onto the property to serve as an educational building.

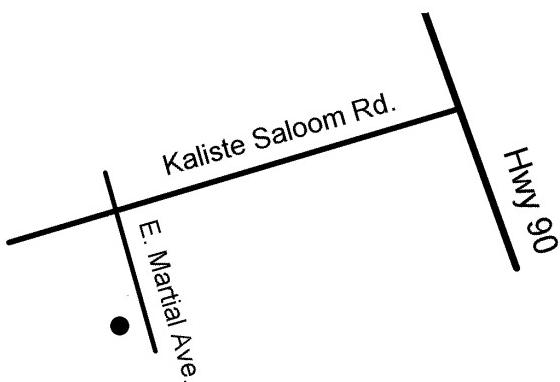
By 1974, the membership had grown to 74. In 1975, part of the educational building was renovated to serve as a sanctuary with a capacity for 100 persons. An early learning center (called the Kiddie Patch Nursery School) was begun that same year.

In 1977, a 6.2 acre site on Martial Avenue was purchased by the Louisiana Conference. The Ivanhoe Church, now under the leadership of Rev. Peter Harrington, was renamed The Church of the Covenant. The ground breaking for the new church was held on April 15, 1979. The educational building was completed by June 1979 and was used as the temporary sanctuary. The sanctuary was completed in December of 1979. Several fixtures of the church, such as the cross, altar, pulpit, and lectern, were hand sculpted by Mr. R.J. Bernard.

In 1981, the Early Learning Center was established. Seeing the need for more classroom space, Mrs. Grace Holley donated the money to build another educational building. Construction was begun on September 1, 1986 and the building was dedicated on February 15, 1987. Using money from memorials and special gifts, a steeple was purchased and installed on December 21, 1988.

How to Get There:

At the south end of Lafayette, turn west onto Kaliste Saloom Rd. Travel several miles until you get to Martial Avenue. Take a left and you will see the church about 1/2 mile down to your right.



Clanton Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Dulac
Address	100 Coast Guard Rd.
Membership	180
Founded	1936



Original church, 1936

The first attempts at reaching the Dulac community were made by Rev. Martin Hebert of the French Mission. When he extended his range to include Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes around 1907, he soon made his way down the bayous. One of the places he and his associates, such as A.D. Martin, visited was Dulac. Once Houma started receiving a pastor, the Dulac community was added to his list of preaching places. Miss Ella Hooper took a teaching job in Dulac around 1912. She became concerned over the situation of the predominantly Indian community. In 1917, Ella Hooper returned with Laura White and started the McDonell Home in Houma. They would regularly go to Dulac to visit and hold Sunday School. Ella's sister, Wilhelmina, joined them some time later.

In 1935, Mr. Clanton donated the funds to build a church in Dulac. It was named Clanton's Chapel. The church has since been replaced with a modern brick structure. Over the years, it has been served by pastors from Houma (1st Church and Houma Heights). Since the late 1980s, local pastor Kirby Verret has served as pastor.

Source: Methodism Along the Bayou, Timothy Hebert

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 57 South out of Houma. About 15 miles out of Houma, you will get to the town of Dulac. The road will veer to the left at a convenience store (this location is where the original Clanton's Chapel stood). You will cross a bridge and the road will veer to the right. After a few hundred yards, you will see the Coast Guard Rd. to your right. The Chapel is on your right at the corner, and the Dulac Community Center will be on your left.

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First United Methodist Church - Donaldsonville

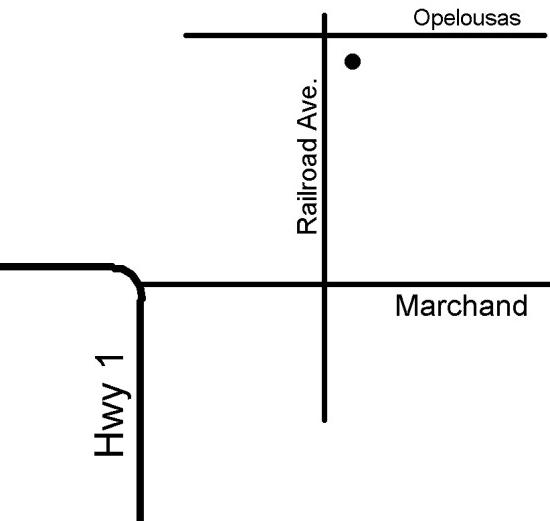


City	Donaldsonville
Address	Railroad Ave.
Membership	50
Founded	1844

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Ascension Parish was incorporated in Donaldsonville on March 25, 1844. Andrew Gregory bought a tract of land at the corner of Opelousas St. and "Rue de Cabahanosse" (now Railroad Avenue) that same day. On April 13, Gregory donated the land to the new Methodist Church. Later that year, the name was changed to the Donaldsonville Methodist Episcopal Church. The church was soon built on the property, and is still in use today. The bell tower was replaced in 1926 after being damaged by a storm. After hurricane Betsy knocked the tower down in 1965, it was never replaced. The church was renovated in 1947.

In the 1950's, a Sunday School addition was constructed. The old church parsonage on the property (facing Opelousas St.) was torn down in the early 1960's. In 1963, after years on a circuit, the church became a full-time charge in the Baton Rouge District under Rev. Marshall C. Paine.

How to Get There: Head north on Hwy 1 into Donaldsonville. When Hwy 1 turns to the left, turn right onto Marchand. Turn left onto Railroad Ave. Go down several blocks. The church will be on the right, at the corner of Railroad and Opelousas St.



Faith Community United Methodist Church

Church not yet built

City	Broussard
Address	
Membership	
Founded	2003

In June 2002, Rev. John A. Cannon was appointed to organize a new congregation in the Broussard and Youngsville areas south of Lafayette. In October, a small group of lay persons chose the name Faith Community United Methodist Church. At first, the congregation held monthly worship services and organized small groups for Bible study and spiritual formation. A "Core Leadership Team" was organized from among the lay persons, and they began plans for the beginning of Sunday morning worship and other ministries.

The first Sunday services were held on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2003, after a door-to-door outreach campaign to introduce the public to the new congregation. Many new people attended the service, and throughout the following summer, the growing congregation began planning its grand opening for September 7, 2003. Around 90 were in attendance. By the fall, the number of regular attenders was around 75. Bible studies, children's ministries, and Sunday school classes were organized. The first Christmas Eve service was held in 2003.

While still unchartered, Rev. Cannon organized a Church Council, SPRC, Board of Trustees, and Finance Committee to share in the ministry. At the first Church Council meeting, the lay leadership set as its primary goals for 2004 (1) continued, welcoming outreach to the unchurched in the area and (2) active hands-on involvement in local ministries of service to the needy and poor. Until a building is constructed, services are held at the Broussard Middle School.

Fitzgerald United Methodist Church



City	Verdunville
Address	Verdun Lane
Membership	19
Founded	1893



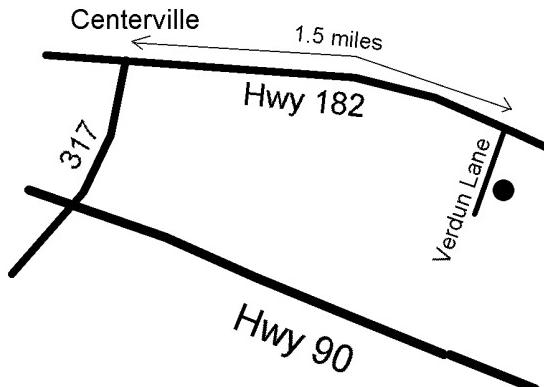
1967

The Methodists in Verdunville started attending the Butler's Methodist Church in Centerville. There came a time when they decided to build their own church. So, they bought a parcel of land and ordered the lumber. But when the lumber arrived, by barge at Shed Sutton's landing in Verdunville, the barges sunk in Bayou Teche. The men and women waded into the bayou and salvaged the lumber for their church. The building was completed on December 24, 1893.

In 1928, under the leadership of Rev. McCain, a larger building was constructed. Some of the lumber from the original 1893 church was used. This church is still in use today.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 90, take the Centerville exit. When you get to Hwy 182, turn right and go 1.5 miles to Verdun Lane. Take a right and the church will be 1/2 mile down on your left.



First United Methodist Church - Franklin



City	Franklin
Address	922 Main St.
Membership	239
Founded	1846



1900-1955

The history of Methodism in Franklin can be traced back to the very birth of Louisiana Methodism. The first appointed minister to Louisiana, Elisha Bowman, made his way through the St. Mary area in 1806. It is assumed that he stopped along the way to deliver his message to the people of Franklin. The first definite record of Methodism in Franklin comes from the letters of Daniel Devinne. While serving the area in the early 1820's, he mentioned preaching at the St. Mary courthouse (in Franklin).

Finally, in 1846, property was bought (from Nancy Tarkington, for \$200) for a Methodist church. The church was built soon after. It was so successful that the Franklin Methodist Church was chosen as the site for the 9th Louisiana Annual Conference in January of 1855.

In April of 1855, the church bought 140 ft. of property on Main Street next to the church. The parsonage was built there in 1873. The old cemetery site behind the church was acquired in 1855.

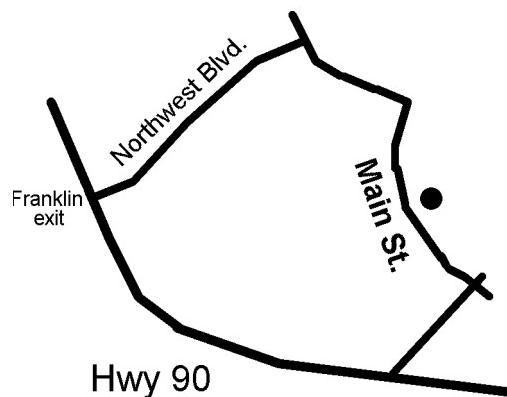
By 1897, a bigger church was needed. When Rev. W.W. Drake arrived in 1898, a building program was started. In two years (1900), the new church was completed.

Under the leadership of Rev. Jolly B. Harper, an educational building was constructed in 1942.

By the 1950's, the congregation was outgrowing the church again. Under the leadership of Rev. Edward Haug, a building campaign was begun in 1954. The opening service in the new church was held on June 24, 1955. When the parsonage was destroyed by fire in 1957, a new brick structure was built (the same year). A new educational building and fellowship hall was completed in 1967.

How to Get There:

Take the Franklin exit off of Hwy 90 and head east for a couple of miles until you get to Main St. (Hwy 182). Turn right and head into town. After about a mile, the road makes a sharp right turn. About 1/2 mile after you turn, you will see the church on your right. You will see Asbury UMC, a white, wood-frame church, on your left about 100 yards before you get to 1st Church.



Grand River United Methodist Church



City	Plaquemine
Address	30825 Hwy. 75
Membership	68
Founded	1951

The Bayou Chene Methodist Church got tired of getting flooded, so in 1948 they moved off the island to property along Highway 75 near Bayou Sorrell. Services were held in the homes of six families while money was raised. A small house was donated to the church, and the congregation leased a small piece of property along the bayou. After the ladies of the church cleared the land with sugar cane knives, the men moved the building to a lot. When the inside walls were removed, beautiful cypress wood was allowed to show through. By 1951, thirty-one charter members were worshipping in the church.

In 1953, while the Atchafalaya Basin was flooded, Emile and Ira Mendoza brought the Bayou Chene bell to the new location by boat. With the help of Hayward Seneca, they put the bell in a newly built tower.

In 1958, Frank Lamp and John Mendoza constructed Sunday School rooms. The pastor at that time was Rev. Bob McCamman. In 1962, the parsonage was built by a Baptist, Mr. Rufus Medlen.

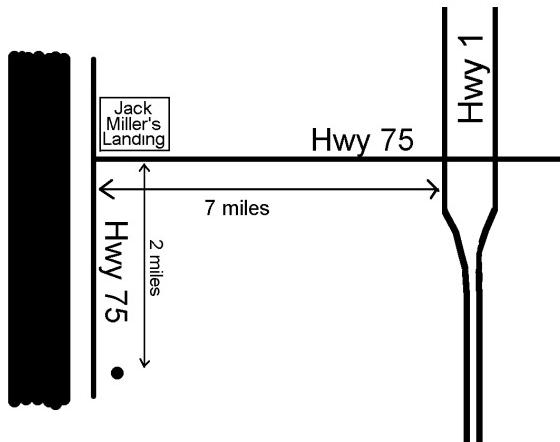
Using pipe from Bayou Chene for framing, a gymnasium was built in 1978-79 near the church. The land on which the church building stood, as well as additional land, was donated to the church at that time.

Restrooms and a kitchen were added to the new sanctuary that was built. The classrooms were also rotated. This was done under the leadership of "Bro." John and Dixie Oldham, charter members Ernest "Bo" Diamond, brothers Emile, Ira, and John Mendoza and their nephew Jerome, and new members Frank Lamp and brothers Hayward and Howard Seneca. The old cypress church was sold in 1981 and was moved ... by barge and truck ... to Picayune, Mississippi.

Grand River continues to open its arms to the community as an outreach of Christ's love.

How to Get There:

On the south side of Plaquemine, turn on Hwy 75 and head west. After 7 miles, the road ends. Jack Miller's Landing will be on your right. Turn left (still Hwy 75). The church will be on the left, 2 miles down the road.



Green Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Lottie
Address	Hwy. 81
Membership	14
Founded	1908

The Green Chapel Methodist Church was organized on March 16, 1908. The church was soon built under the guidance of Rev. T.A. Hampton. The trustees at that time were H. Smith, T. Johnson, J. Rylander, J.W. Green, A. Miller, W. Turner, and Jno. Miles.

The church was named after Mr. Green, who owned the land on which the church was built. He would allow his workers to use the wagon and team to go to church both day and night.

At first, they had attended Wiley Chapel at False River Station. But it was a long way, so Mr. Green gave them land for a church and parsonage.

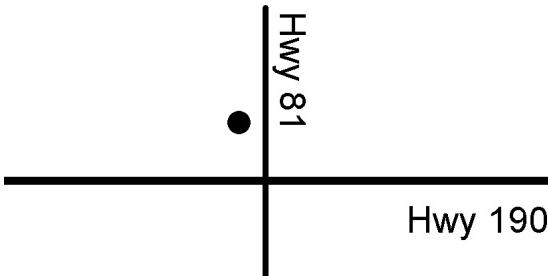
The pastors over the years included Rev. Sanford (1938-40; who liked the area so much he retired there), Rev. F.W. Thomas (1940-41; known for starting exactly at eleven o'clock - even if he were the only one there), and Rev. K.W. Gaines (1942-49; whose children married into the community).

In 1969, the church added bathrooms and extended the pulpit under the leadership of Rev. Charles Wilson. After Rev. W.H. Willis arrived in 1972, the church interior was paneled and the windows decorated. The exterior was painted soon after. Under the leadership of Rev. Obie Southall, who arrived in 1974, the church installed air conditioning and tiled the floors. New pews were installed during Rev. Nathaniel P. Perry's tenure (1979-80). Construction on a fellowship hall began after Rev. H.L. Jones arrived in 1991.

Rev. Carolyn "Cee Cee" Ross arrived in 1999 with new ideas and plans were made to remodel the church. The remodeling task was inherited by Rev. Robert Ross, appointed in 2001. The improvements were completed, and on May 26, 2002 the sanctuary was rededicated debt free.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 190 to Lottie. Turn north onto Hwy 81. The church will be on your left just after the turn.



Hartzell United Methodist Church

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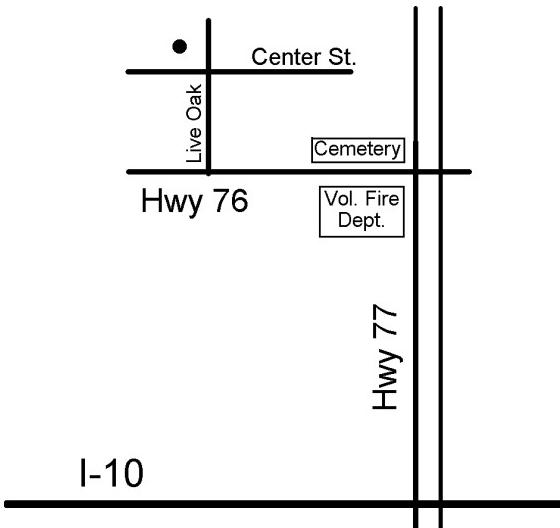
City	Rosedale
Address	Hwy. 77
Membership	55
Founded	1886

In 1884, a lot (176'x68') on Live Oak Street was donated to the congregation to build a church for the African-American community. The pastor at that time was Rev. George W. Wells. The first church structure was built in 1886 under Rev. Wells' leadership. It was named after Bishop J.C. Hartzell. Bishop Hartzell, who later became a Bishop of Africa, played a key role in the establishment of a medical college for New Orleans University in 1873.

After the church and parsonage burned down, the church was rebuilt in 1917 under the leadership of Rev. C.L. Angrum. The church continues to work on renovating the church and reaching out to the community.

How to Get There:

Exit I-10 at the Rosedale exit and take Hwy 77 north. After about 2 miles, turn left onto Hwy 76. When you turn, you'll find a volunteer fire dept. on the left, and a cemetery on the right. Go to the first street past the cemetery and take a right. After one block, you will get to Center St. The church is on the corner to your left after Center St.



First United Methodist Church – Houma



City	Houma
Address	6109 Hwy. 311
Membership	852
Founded	1845



1922-1956

The first circuit riders made their way to Terrebonne Parish in the late 1820's. In 1845, property was bought and a church built shortly after. In this domain of Catholicism, the Methodist church was the first church in the parish. Other Protestant denominations contributed to its construction and used the edifice when it was free. It was dedicated in 1850. For the first few decades, the congregation remained small. In 1888, with only 2 members on the roll, the church property was sold.

In 1907, Rev. Martin Hebert of the French Mission expanded his circuit to include Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes. Bolstered by Hebert's success, a pastor was assigned to Houma the following year. At first, services were held in a variety of rented rooms ... from a fire station to an opera house. In 1909, several lots were purchased; one of the homes on the property was used as the parsonage. In 1914, a house was bought and used as a church. The house was called the "Green Tabernacle. In 1921, the house was torn down and a larger brick church was built in 1922 under the guidance of Rev. F.J. McCoy. The "Red Brick Church" served the congregation well for 35 years.

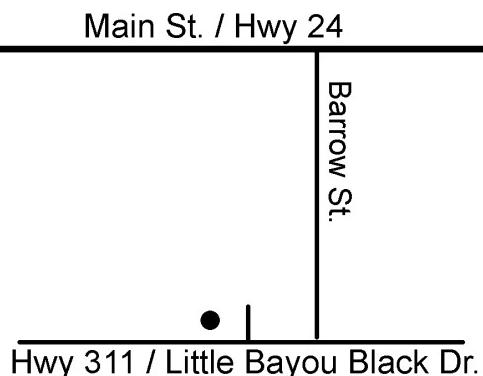
By the early 1950's, the membership needed more room. The Crescent Plantation property along Bayou Black was bought. The plantation home was torn down and the new church (called the "Cathedral on the Bayou") was built in 1956. Led by Rev. Sam Nader, it is one of the largest Protestant churches in the area. A home behind the church was purchased in 1952 and still serves as the parsonage.

In 1978, the property between the church and the parsonage was purchased and an Activities Building was constructed. And in 1987, the western half of the block was purchased, so that the entire block is now the property of the church. The church debt was paid off in the mid 1990s.

Source: Methodism Along the Bayou, Timothy Hebert

How to Get There:

From Main St. (through the middle of town) turn south onto Barrow St. Travel for about a mile. Turn right at the 4th traffic light, onto Little Bayou Black Dr. The church will be one block down on your right. Or take the Hwy 311 exit from Hwy 90 and head south for 10 miles. The church will be on the left.



Hurst United Methodist Church



City	Plaquemine
Address	913 Court St.
Membership	92
Founded	1884



1909-1977

Hurst Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church was organized under the leadership of Rev F.W. Lewis in 1884. After a lot was donated by one of the members, donations for the church made it possible for a little chapel to be built. The first pastor was Rev. George Lacy.

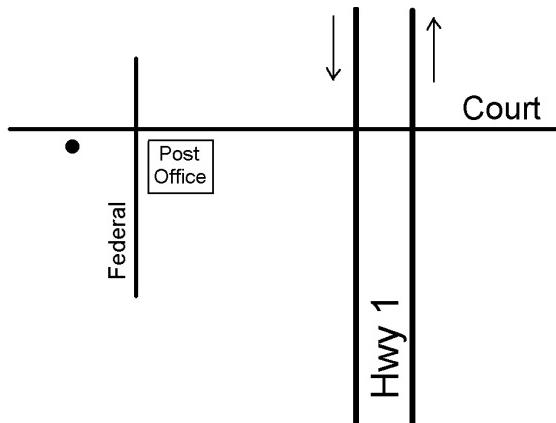
By 1909, the congregation had outgrown the small building and a new church was built. The church dropped the "Chapel" part of the name. Rev. Cornelius Johnson was pastor at this time.

While Rev. A.D. Ennis was pastor (in 1969), the congregation began making plans for a new sanctuary. The new church was completed in 1977, when Rev. Wilbur Davis, Sr. was serving as pastor. Mr. R.L. Smith, Sr. was the lay leader at that time.

SOURCE: Church History - Hurst United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Head into Plaquemine on Hwy 1. Turn onto Court and head west. You will see the Post Office on your left, and then reach Federal St. The church will be just past Federal on the left.



Immanuel United Methodist Church



City	Lafayette
Address	Louisiana Avenue
Membership	110
Founded	1884

In July 1884, Governor Alexander Mouton donated property on East Main on which to build a church. On that land, the Mallalieu congregation built their first church. Later, a Normal School was founded and classes were taught in the church to African-Americans.

In 1928, church remodeling began under the leadership of Rev. T.J. Bridgette. It continued under the leadership of Rev. W.D. Martin, appointed to the church later that year. Rev. Martin led the church in buying a lot and beginning a building fund.

In October 1962, construction began on a new church. The first worship service in the new structure was held on March 17, 1963.

Under the leadership of Rev. R.S. Taylor, a new parsonage was built about 1970 at the site of the old church. Air conditioning was added to the church at that time. The church's mortgage was paid off in 1977 under the leadership of Rev. Edgar Smith.

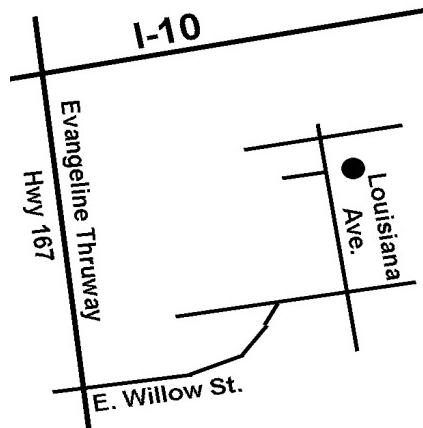
In 1994, the name of the church was changed from Mallalieu to Immanuel. The congregation began making plans to relocate to Louisiana Avenue. During 1996-98, under the leadership of Rev. Bruce Brown, the church relocated to Northgate Mall for a time before moving into a new facility on Louisiana Avenue. The new multipurpose building was consecrated on October 5, 1997.

At the end of the century, four acres of land were purchased under the leadership of Rev. Rodney Wooten. This brought the total church property to 19.5 acres. A Family Life Center is planned for the property.

In 2003-2004, the church has worked on paving the driveway and making the restrooms more handicap accessible. Under the leadership of Rev. Clifton Conrad, Sr., they have also started the Clara Dell Constantine Broussard scholarship to help local youth into college.

How to Get There:

About a mile south of I-10, turn east from Evangeline Thruway (Hwy 167) onto E. Willow St. Continue to Louisiana Avenue and then turn left. The church on the right, opposite Buick St. on the left.



Krotz Springs United Methodist Church



City	Krotz Springs
Address	411 Frederick
Membership	16
Founded	1940

After a survey in Krotz Springs to find support for a new church, ten charter members ... including Rev. Shaw ... came forth. Services were first held at the Charlie Kenney building. Property was then purchased across the railroad tracks on the south side of town. The church was built with volunteer labor from the community and was completed in 1940. The dedication took place in the later 1940s.

Two adjoining lots of property were bought in 1954. The old property was sold and the church building was moved to the new site. After evaluating the condition of the building in 1960, it was decided to build a new structure. Mr. Pet Lacassin was hired to build the church, which was completed in 1961. The piano and pews were added later.

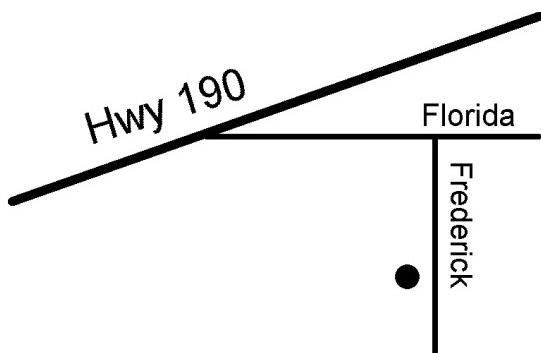
Rev. J.C. Zerangue donated two lots and Willis Doiron donated one lot of land. This property is used for a cemetery and is located on the back lot 513 E.

Though the church owned a parsonage, it was sold for \$35,000 in 1981. The money was divided between Waxia (5%), Krotz Springs (18%), and Port Barre (77%).

As the church entered the 21st century, plans were underway to add a fellowship hall and kitchen to the back of the church facilities.

How to Get There:

Turn south onto Florida St. off of Hwy 190 at Krotz Springs. The fourth street on your right will be Frederick. Turn right and you will see the church on your right after about 250 yards.



First United Methodist Church - Lafayette



City	Lafayette
Address	703 Lee Ave.
Membership	726
Founded	1858

In 1858, the Methodist Church of Lafayette was built on South Washington Street. It was a wood frame building with a tall steeple. It served the congregation until the membership outgrew it. The need for a larger structure became clear during the tenure of Rev. Harry Rickey (1917-1921). Rev. Leon McCain followed Rev. Rickey and continued the effort. After years of campaigns, fund-raisers, and prayer services, the goal was finally reached. In 1925, a new brick structure was built at the corner of Lee and Main Streets. The membership at that time stood at 380 and the Sunday School enrollment was 300.

The depression was hard on the church. Money was so scarce, the bond-holding company threatened foreclosure. Leaders of the church got together and were able to avoid disaster. A new zeal surfaced for paying off the debt. Even people of other denominations helped out. So by 1941, the debt had been paid and the church was dedicated.

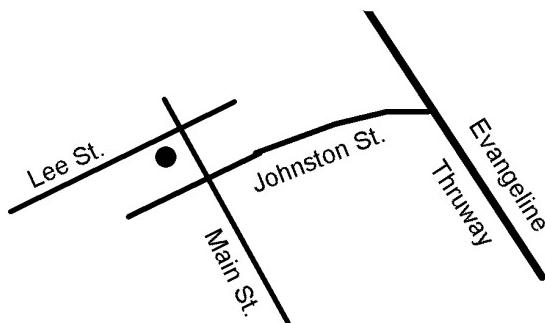
Through the years, many renovations and improvements have been accomplished. A parsonage was built on the church lawn.

Over the years, two segments of the congregation have separated and formed their own congregations: the Davidson Memorial Church and Asbury Church.

Source: A Brief History of the First Methodist Church of Lafayette, by Dr. Grace Agate

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 167 (from the north) or Hwy 90 (from the south) into Lafayette. Turn west onto Johnston St. After about a mile, you will turn right onto Main St. The church will be on your left.



Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Opelousas
Address	532 E. Bellevue
Membership	551
Founded	1806



1902-1955

The origins of the Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church can be traced back to the beginnings of Methodism in Louisiana. When Elisha Bowman came to Louisiana, he made his way to Opelousas and organized a Methodist Society in 1806. That first year, he accepted 17 members into the church. Services were later held in a community church between St. Landry and Vine Streets, near Cain Street. The first church had one room, and a cupola at the top for slaves.

When the Louisiana Conference was formed in 1847, the first Annual Conference was held at the Opelousas Methodist Church. The pastor of the Opelousas Church for 1847 was Rev. Gad Gilbert. The church has been called the "mother church" of Methodism in Louisiana.

In 1846, property was purchased at the corner of North Lombard and East Bellevue from the Fonda family and a new church built. The new church was a wooden building with a balcony for slaves. The first Louisiana Annual Conference was held at the church in 1847. During the Civil War, the earlier church records were taken and disappeared.

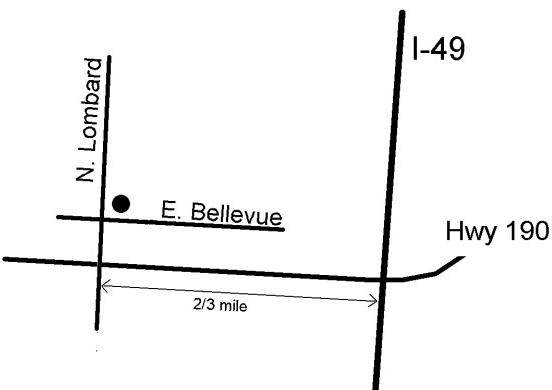
A parsonage was built in 1881. The church building that was built in the mid 19th century was replaced in 1902 with a new structure.

In 1955, the second church was torn down and a new church was built. The third church building was built and was consecrated on March 18, 1956. The church was renamed the Louisiana Memorial Methodist Church. It was later dedicated in November, 1960 by Bishop Aubrey Walton.

When the Ville Platte United Methodist Church (organized in 1942) closed on January 3, 1999, many of its members joined Louisiana Memorial.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 190 West into Opelousas. About 2/3 of a mile west of Hwy 49, you will turn right onto N. Lombard. The church will be 1.5 blocks down on the right.



First United Methodist Church - Lutcher



City	Lutcher
Address	2347 Texas
Membership	19
Founded	1898

The Lutcher United Methodist Church began in 1898 and was the first Protestant church organized in the area. William H. Curtis, a Methodist from New Orleans, moved to town to work in a sawmill. Mr. Curtis "being exercised by the godlessness he saw on all hands, in answer to prayer, God gave him to see some could be converted." (from the original church records)

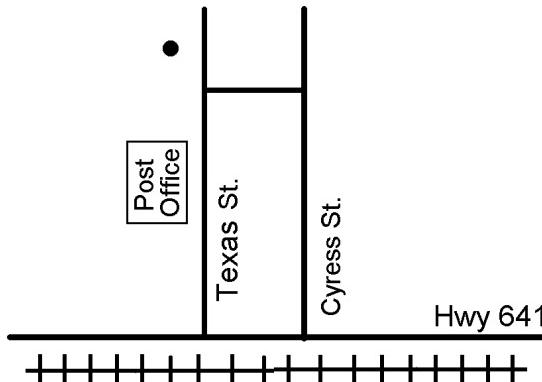
The first congregation included about 40 people from various Protestant denominations. A Methodist congregation was organized on December 30, 1898 at a meeting held by Rev. Edward W. Osburn, Presiding Elder of the New Orleans Central District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Curtis was appointed pastor and trustees were elected.

The sanctuary was completed and dedicated on May 5, 1901 under the leadership of Rev. J.W. Tinnin. The Lutcher-Moore Lumber Company provided a home for a parsonage. It was purchased from the company in 1934 for a nominal sum. Since 1960, that home has been used for various church functions.

In 1992, the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

How to Get There:

Head west on Hwy 61 out of New Orleans. Turn left onto Hwy 641 and go into Lutcher. Turn right onto Texas St. You will pass the Post Office on the left. The church will be just past the Post Office on the left.



Lutcher Chapel United Methodist Church



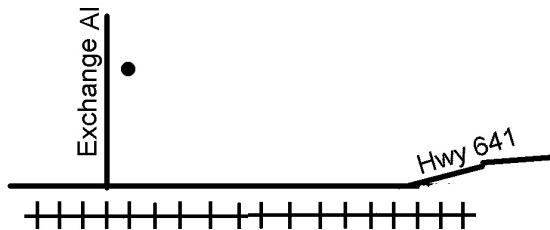
City	Lutcher
Address	2290 N. Exchange Alley
Membership	62
Founded	1899

The Lutcher Chapel was organized in 1899 as the Little Vine Methodist Episcopal Church. The church was used as a school (starting in 1908) for blacks for many years, because they had no educational facilities in the area. As membership steadily outgrew the little church, the members felt that they had to move to a larger facility. In 1916, a larger church was built on the new site by Rev. Manassa Walker. He was also a carpenter, who designed the church as well. The name was changed at that time to Lutcher Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church.

After the church was damaged by hurricane Betsy in 1965, services continued to be held there till 1967; but a new structure was needed. The new church was built and was dedicated on September 17, 1967. Over the years, improvements (steeple, outdoor sign, new pulpit) have continued to be made.

How to Get There:

Head west on Hwy 61 out of New Orleans. Turn left onto Hwy 641 and go into Lutcher. At Albert St., keep going straight (don't follow 641 across the RR tracks). Go down 3 blocks and turn right onto N. Exchange Alley. The church is on the right, 50 yards down the street.



Lydia United Methodist Church



City	Lydia
Address	Freyou Rd.
Membership	55
Founded	1894

The Lydia UMC began as the "Isle aux Cannes" Methodist Church on September 16, 1894. Meetings were held in Toussaint Duplantis' home until 1898. A small parcel of land was purchased from Edmund Richards at that time for \$50. The original founding families were the Duplantises, the Broussards, the Charpentiers, the Princes, the Henris, the Vaughns, and the Landrys. A church was built shortly thereafter. It was painted white and had a very high steeple. The inside was never finished and the congregation sat on chairs. A parsonage was built in 1901. In 1909, a hurricane destroyed the church. A smaller building was then built. The interior of the second church wasn't finished until Rev. A.D. Martin's pastorate in the 1920's. Eighteen 8 foot pews (costing \$1.75 each) were made for the church. An old chimney was donated, dismantled and used to build the church steps.

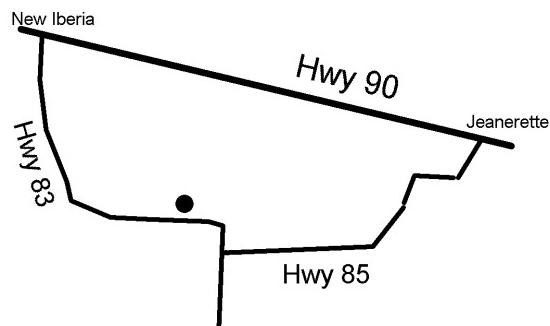
When Rev. Martin was succeeded by his cousin, Rev. A.M. Martin, the Lydia Church was on the same circuit as the Weeks Island and Pecan Island Churches. At one point, services were also held at Oaklawn Plantation, also. The average attendance at Lydia in 1924 was 25 at worship and 20 at Sunday School. The pastor's salary was \$300 (\$125 from Lydia, \$125 from Weeks Island, \$90 from Pecan Island). A parsonage was used in the late 20's. But in 1933, it was dismantled and used to build a parsonage in Jeanerette.

Membership rose in the 1940's when Brother Pierson switched from French to English services and held weekly services. On October 3, 1964, hurricane Hilda destroyed the second church. It was rebuilt within a year under Rev. Cansler. The roof sustained damage by a hurricane in 1992, but it was repaired. The congregation still continued to increase and an adult Sunday School program was added.

In 1969, the Weeks Island Church merged with the Lydia Church. The actual Weeks Island church building was moved behind the Lydia church in 1970 and was used as an educational building. The building has since deteriorated and is not being used.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 90, take Hwy 83 south for several miles. You will see the church on your left when you get to the town of Lydia.



Magnolia United Methodist Church



City	Schriever
Address	104 Johnson Rd.
Membership	90
Founded	1872

Under the leadership of Rev. Austin Kennedy, a congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North was incorporated in 1872 at Terrebonne Station (now called Schriever). They took a 99 year lease on a lot located between Magnolia Grove and Dumas Plantations. A small church was built on the property. By the end of the first year, the Schriever church had 267 members.

The church was named Magnolia, because it was located on the Magnolia Plantation. But when the church was partially destroyed by a storm in the early 1900s, the congregation decided to move to the current location on Johnson Ridge. The church structure was moved to the new site on a wagon in 1916.

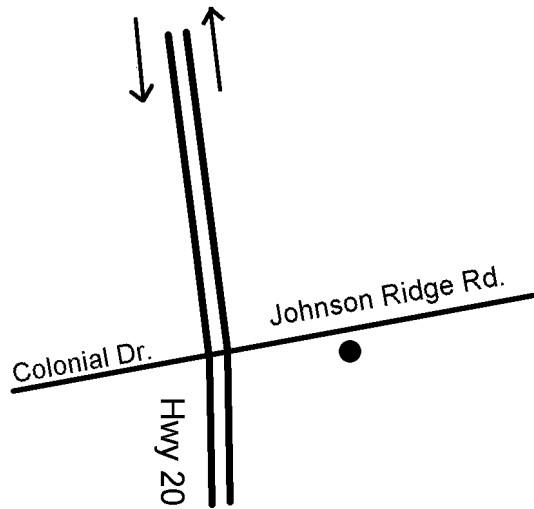
During Rev. A.J. Hackett's pastorate, Magnolia became the first African-American congregation to perform on radio station KTIB in Thibodaux. The church received its first female pastor, Rev. Madeline Mitchell, in 2002. Rev. Mitchell began evangelism classes as the church strives to reach out to the community for Christ.

SOURCE: As It Happened, by Lillian Joseph; Methodism Along the Bayou, by Timothy Hebert

How to Get There:

From Thibodaux, head south towards Houma on Canal Blvd. (which turns into Hwy 20). Shortly after 648, you will see a bridge on your left. You will take a left and cross the bridge onto Johnson Ridge Rd. The church is a few hundred feet down on the right.

to Thibodaux



Mallalieu United Methodist Church



City	St. Martinville
Address	121 W. Hyacinth St.
Membership	103
Founded	1867

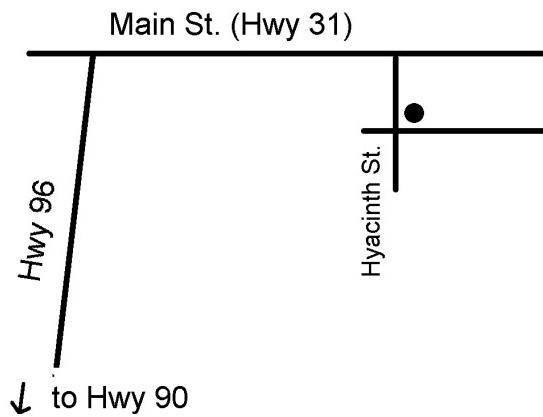
In 1867, Rev. R.K. Diossy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, purchased a lot at the corner of Theater and Hyacinth Streets for \$125. The church, called Bryant Chapel, was named after its first pastor, Rev. J.M. Bryant. It was later renamed Mallalieu Methodist Church. The cemetery grounds were purchased from the St. Martin Parish Police Jury in 1876 for \$51.

On April 17, 1880, a piece of property (one block from the original church) was purchased from Mr. Monroe Baker for \$150. The church was moved to the new site, and the old church property was sold to Mr. Andrew Patterson for \$100. The pastor at this time was Rev. John Sparks. In 1909, the church was rebuilt under the leadership of Rev. Emmerson Hutchien.

In 1965, the church was severely damaged by a hurricane. While the church was being rebuilt, the Mallalieu congregation worshipped with the St. Vincent Methodist Church in Cade, Louisiana. When the Mallalieu church was completed in 1968, the St. Vincent congregation decided to merge with the Mallalieu congregation. The pastor at this time was Rev. William R. London. On May 8, 1987, the church hall was dedicated in his memory.

How to Get There:

Take the St. Martinville exit off of Hwy 90. Take Hwy 96 into town. Turn right onto Main St. (Hwy 31). After about 6 blocks, you will turn right onto Hyacinth St. You will see the church on your left.



Mason United Methodist Church

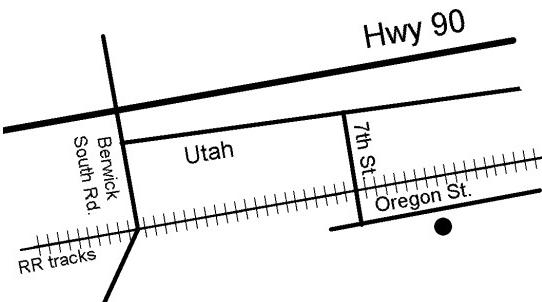


City	Berwick
Address	601 Oregon St.
Membership	60
Founded	1900

In the late 1800's, a group of Berwick residents met together and decided to build a church. At first, they met in houses and later rented a store to use as a place of worship. A building committee was eventually put together under the leadership of Rev. G.A. Payne. A contract was made with Brownell and Drew Lumber Co. and construction began in 1900. The cornerstone was laid by Golden Ark Lodge #2224 on June 9, 1901. The pastor at this time was Rev. S. McGruder. This church building is still in use today.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 90 to Berwick. Turn south onto Berwick South Rd. (just west of the town). Go 200 feet and turn left onto Utah. Turn right at Seventh and cross the RR tracks. Then turn left onto Oregon St. The church will be shortly ahead on your right.



McGowen United Methodist Church



City	Jeanerette
Address	1315 Church St.
Membership	32
Founded	1871

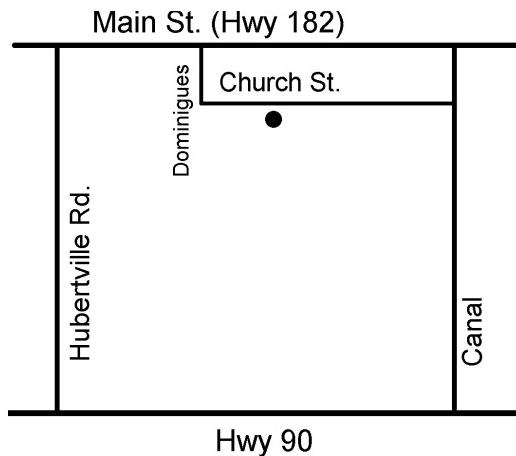
In 1871, Rev. T.B. White, pastor at New Iberia, started holding services near Jeanerette at a school house on Dr. William Richardson's land. In 1875, services were moved to a warehouse in Jeanerette. Later that year, a plot of land was bought and work was begun on the first of four buildings that were to stand on the site. The original church was destroyed in 1880 by a hurricane. Using much of the original lumber, a second church was built that same year. In 1887, Dr. Charles McGowen donated a bell to be placed in the steeple. A large pulpit Bible was given in 1899 by Mrs. J.C. Akers, Sr.

As the congregation grew, a larger facility was needed. So, in 1905, the church was sold to the Jerusalem Baptist congregation and a new church was built. Over the years, a heavy asbestos roof was added and a back room of the church was removed. This weakened the structure so that in 1951, it was declared unsafe and was closed. The fixtures were removed, and services were held in the Masonic Lodge on Main Street. By 1953, the congregation (under the leadership of Rev. A.M. Martin) completed a new church building. The church was named McGowen Memorial in memory of Charles and Florence McGowen. A round stained glass window, depicting Jesus praying at Gethsemane, was given in memory of the McGowens and was placed just under the steeple. The stained glass windows around the church memorialize members from the Richardson and Bussey families.

As the membership increased, two Sunday School rooms and a Fellowship Hall were added in 1959.

How to Get There:

Exit Hwy 90 at the Jeanerette exit. If you take the exit on the east side of town(which turns into Canal), you can turn left directly onto Church St. (which is one block before Hwy 182). The church will be on the 1300 block on your left. If you take the exit into Jeanerette on the west side of town (Hubertville Rd.), you will turn right when you get to Hwy 182 and head into town. Turn right on Dominiques and go 2 blocks. Take a left on Church St. The church will be on the 1300 block on your right.



Melville United Methodist Church



City	Melville
Address	1 st & Payton
Membership	49
Founded	1886

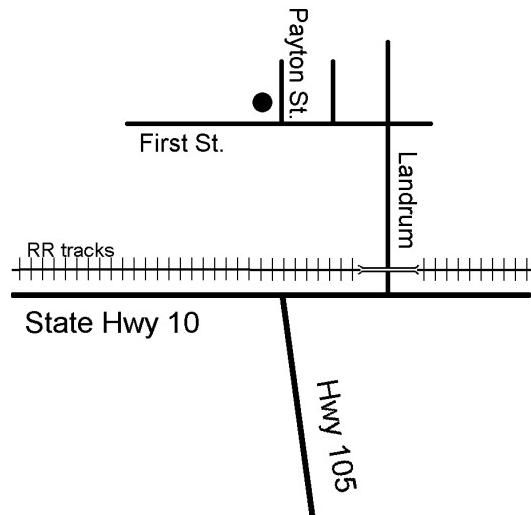
The Melville charge first appears in the 1887 Louisiana Conference Journal, when Jeptha Landrum (who is buried in the cemetery) was appointed to serve the area. He had organized the Melville Methodist Church on November 15, 1886 with 36 members. On April 19, 1887, property on the corner of First and Payton Streets was obtained and the first church was built. After the church was destroyed by a storm, a second church was constructed in 1894 by J.S. Burgess. It was 32 by 50 feet in size with a tower 44 feet high. Wood from the original church was used in the construction.

The 1894 church served until October 2, 1949, when the last service was held there. It was torn down to make room for a new, larger church. While construction took place, services were held in the Melville High School Gym. The minister at that time was Rev. Sam Lantrip. The congregation concentrated on raising funds for the new building. They sold dinners, wrote letters asking for donations, and had many other fund-raisers. The building was finally completed. The stained glass windows behind the pulpit are from the original church building.

The original parsonage was replaced in 1959 under the leadership of Rev. O.L. Golson. The new parsonage is located behind the church.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 190, turn north onto Hwy 105. You will get to Melville after about 11 miles. When you get into town, turn right onto State Hwy 10 (LaFleur). After 1/4 mile, turn north onto Landrum (Hwy 105). You will pass under RR tracks. After 2 blocks, turn left onto First St. At the corner of First and Payton (two blocks down), you will see the church on your right.



Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Mathews
Address	201 Central Lafourche
Membership	91
Founded	1971

Methodist work in central Lafourche parish was begun by Rev. Anatole D. Martin in 1914 as a French Mission. He began holding services in a schoolhouse in Raceland. Services were also held at Mrs. Washington Griffin's home near the Edna Plantation; a white frame church was later built.

Services were held in a white frame building on Sixth Street in Lockport. A parsonage was later constructed. An education building was built in the 1950s. The Methodist Church at Lockport was in continuous use until the 1971 merger.

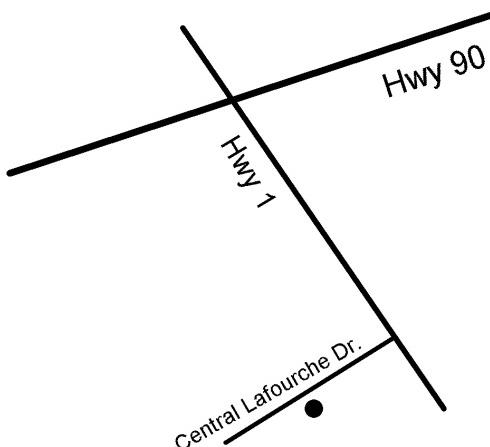
The work was discontinued in the 1930s and an attempt to merge the churches with First Church Houma was made. When that didn't work out, the Methodists at Raceland had no church building or services for a while.

In 1956, the pastor at the Thibodaux Methodist Church (Rev. Miller) began holding services at the Baptist Church in Raceland. A church was built in 1958 and Rev. Robert Collie was appointed.

The Memorial United Methodist Church in Mathews was formed when the Raceland and Lockport United Methodist Churches merged in 1971. The pastor of the merged church was Dr. B. Joseph Martin (son of Anatole Martin).

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 1 past Raceland. If you are on Hwy 90, turn south onto Hwy 1 at the Raceland/Mathews exit. When you get to the town of Mathews, take a right at Central Lafourche Dr. (there's a UM sign at the corner). The church is about 1/2 mile down on the left.



Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church



City	Gray
Address	101 Gray St.
Membership	62
Founded	1887



1967

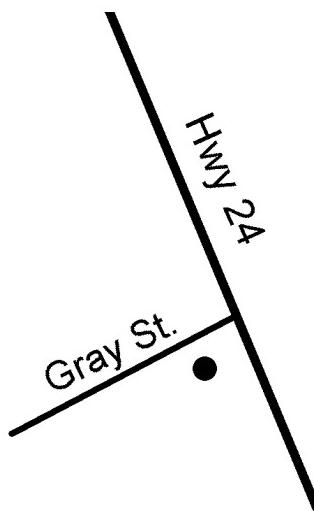
In 1887, a piece of R.R. Barrow's Batey Plantation was purchased and a small church was built. The area, then known as Bateville, is now called Gray. The first appointment to the church occurred in 1890, when H.J. Wright (of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North) was appointed to serve Schriever and "Beattieville." The congregation was formally organized as the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church and was incorporated in 1906.

The original church stood until 1909, when it was destroyed by a storm. A new church was built the following year by Dave Brown under the leadership of Rev. J.B. Wilson. In 1924, disaster struck again when another storm destroyed the 1910 church. Once again, a new church was constructed by Dave Brown. In recent times, the church has been remodeled and the exterior has been bricked.

Source: History of Mt. Vernon U.M.C.; Methodism Along the Bayou, by Timothy Hebert

How to Get There:

About midway between Thibodaux and Houma on Hwy 24 you will find the community of Gray. The church can be seen on the west side of the Hwy at Gray St.



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church



City	Freetown
Address	691 Freetown Rd.
Membership	23
Founded	1833

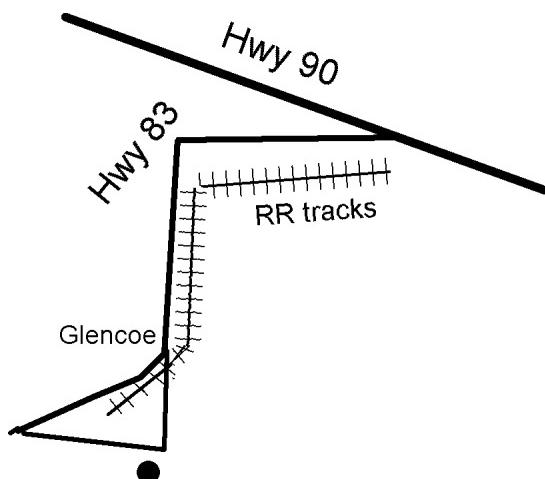


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The Mt. Zion church was first built in 1833. Over the years, the membership has fluctuated up and down. Though the current membership is low, the active members are faithful and committed to their church.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 90, take the Glencoe exit south to Hwy 83. Go through Glencoe and you will see the road veer to the left and cross RR tracks. Go down 1.35 miles and you will come to the church.



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

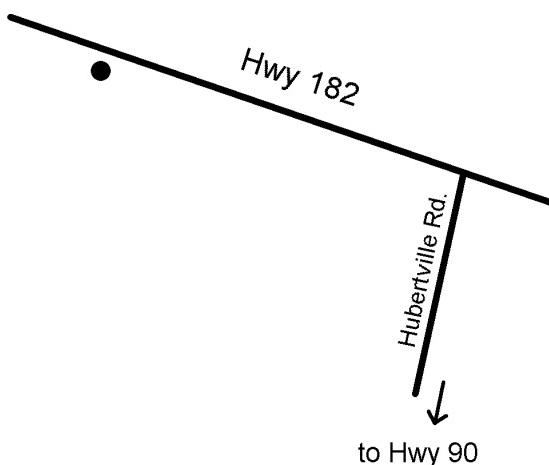


City	Jeanerette
Address	5612 E. Old Spanish Trail
Membership	51
Founded	1888

Preaching began in the area in 1888. The people of the Olivier community built a church of Love, Spiritual Guidance, and Blessing. Their first pastor was Rev. Stephen Tillman. Five years later, in 1893, the Mt. Zion Methodist Church was re-erected under the leadership of Rev. J. Johnson. The cornerstone was laid in 1903. This church was replaced in 1911 when a new building was erected under the leadership of Rev. A.J. Smith. That church still stands today.

How to Get There:

Take the Hubertville Rd. exit into Jeanerette. Turn left on Hwy 182. After several miles, you will see the church on your left.



First United Methodist Church – New Iberia



City	New Iberia
Address	119 Jefferson St.
Membership	845
Founded	1839



1901

The first recorded church services in New Iberia occurred in 1823, when Rev. Benjamin Drake held services from a sailing vessel in Bayou Teche. He later held services in private homes. The church was organized in 1839 and a Sunday School was established. The first meetings were held in a Barrel Factory. Later, services were held in a small building on the corner of French and Washington Streets. The New Iberia Methodist Church was officially incorporated and a church was built in 1858. The membership at that time was 125. The new church, on the corner of Washington and Iberia Streets, was dedicated two years later. A parsonage (one of only eighteen in Louisiana) was also provided.

On May 24, 1890, the congregations was devastated when the church and parsonage were both destroyed by fire. On August 8, 1890, a lot was purchased on the corner of Jefferson and West St. Peter Streets. While funds were raised for a new church, services were held in an opera house. Although the sanctuary was completed in 1892, the church, which cost \$14,000, was dedicated on February 5, 1893. The new church was struck by fire in 1907, but it was soon repaired. The congregation met at the Jewish Synagogue until the building was repaired. The church membership at this time was 300.

In 1939, work began on the educational building, which was completed in 1942. In 1948, work was begun on a new parsonage, which was first occupied by Rev. Charles McLean in 1950 and dedicated in 1952.

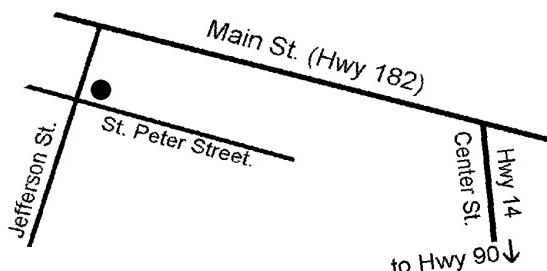
By 1950, the church membership had grown to 800 and a second morning worship service was added. The sanctuary was renovated and the educational space was added. In 1954, additional property was purchased on Jefferson Street to accommodate the growing Sunday School and another educational building was constructed soon after. The sanctuary was renovated again in 1969. In 1978, a lot was purchased across the street from the church for use as a parking area. In 1986, Mr. & Mrs. B.E. Fox, Sr. bought a home and donated it to the church to be used as the new parsonage.

In 1986, New Iberia celebrated 150 years of Methodism. In 1987, church facilities were renovated and a new parking lot was added. Two years later, the church was placed into the National Register of Historic places. And in 1991, the Sanctuary Centennial Celebration was held.

Source: "Methodism in New Iberia", A Brief Summary by Sam White

How to Get There:

Take the Hwy 14 exit into New Iberia. Turn left on Main St. (Hwy 182). After 1/2 mile, turn left onto Jefferson St. Two blocks down, you will see the church on your left.



First United Methodist Church – New Roads



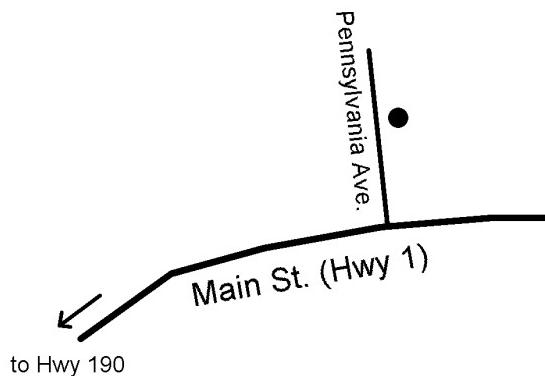
City	New Roads
Address	206 Pennsylvania Ave.
Membership	58
Founded	1904

In 1904, Rev. F.H. Whatley approached the town of New Roads with the idea of forming a Methodist church. Citizens from Methodist backgrounds as well as other Protestants contributed to a church fund. On November 12, 1904, Leonidas Harrell donated a lot on the East side of Pennsylvania Avenue to the church. On October 21, 1905, the church was formally organized, with S.P. Higgenbotham as the President and F.H. Whatley as its pastor. Since it was the only Protestant church in New Roads, members of other Protestant denominations joined with the Methodists in attending the church. Shortly after it was built, a ladies group within the church made a quilt and raffled it off to provide money for a bell to place in the tower.

At the time of the Silver Jubilee in 1980, money was raised to fix up the bell and repair the steeple. It is dedicated to Gene Kimball, who provided the inspiration for this effort.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 1 North off of Hwy 190. You will get to New Roads in about 18 miles. At New Roads, turn left onto Pennsylvania Ave. The church will be a few hundred feet down on your right.



Northwood United Methodist Church



City	Lafayette
Address	610 E. Butcher Rd.
Membership	404
Founded	1991



Davidson Memorial, 1941-1991

After a neighborhood survey was conducted in north Lafayette in 1941, the Davidson Memorial Methodist Church was organized. They first met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Davidson, Sr. A church was later built on Jefferson Blvd.

When the population began declining in the neighborhood, the congregation began thinking about relocating to a growing area north of Interstate 10. Rev. Robert Deich, appointed to the church on October 1, 1987, organized a task force to study the idea. Six months later, they decided it would be best to move to a better location for future growth. On May 16, 1989, a called charge conference of the church officially voted to relocate.

In 1991, members from four United Methodist churches helped to make 7300 telephone calls in a three-week campaign. Direct mail and personal visits were also a part of the campaign. The final service at the Davidson church was held on Palm Sunday, March 24, 1991.

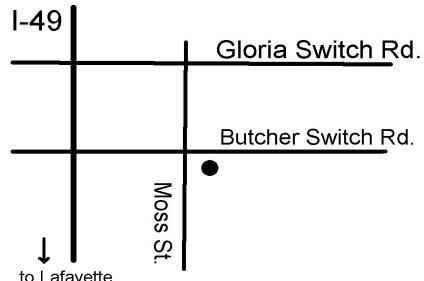
The new church began the following Sunday as 183 people attended Easter services held at the Evangeline Elementary school. A Constituting Service was held on May 19, Pentecost Sunday, with over 100 people coming forward to form the core of the new church. They voted to name the new church Northwood United Methodist Church.

A new church building was completed on Moss Street in August 1993. The multipurpose building held space for worship, fellowship, and classrooms. An addition was built in 1998 for youth ministries. More land (7.25 acres) was purchased that year behind the church for future use.

Under the leadership of Rev. Darryl Tate, appointed in 1998, a new parsonage was built at 113 Arbor Drive. Programs were added and enlarged as the church doubled in membership over a few years time. In 2000, the church adopted the mission statement "Embracing our Community with God's love through Biblical teaching, Spirit-Filled Worship, Joyful Fellowship, and Compassionate Service to All."

How to Get There:

Take the Gloria Switch Rd. exit off of Hwy 49 a few miles north of Lafayette. Heading east, you will shortly come to E. Butcher Switch Rd. Take a right and you will see the church up ahead on your left.



Palmetto United Methodist Church



City	Palmetto
Address	Taylor St.
Membership	26
Founded	1905

In 1905, a group of local families joined together to purchase 3 small parcels of property. Upon this land, the first church of the community was constructed. The trustees at that time were Robert G. Hawkins, John Beard, Robert L. Hawkins, George McDaniel, and Alvin Deloach. The purchase price was 3 dollars. It was stipulated in the deal that no part of the land was to be used for burial purposes. The land was purchased from Sallie Hawkins, Mary Stokes, and Robert Lee Hawkins. Shortly thereafter, a church was built on the property. The building faced Church St. (now Carrie Mac St., named after a devoted worker in the Methodist Church). It was a single room, shotgun style structure with windows on the west and east walls. It also had a church bell. Guest pastors held services from 1905 to 1914. The first appointed pastor to the church was Rev. J.P. Porter (1914-15).

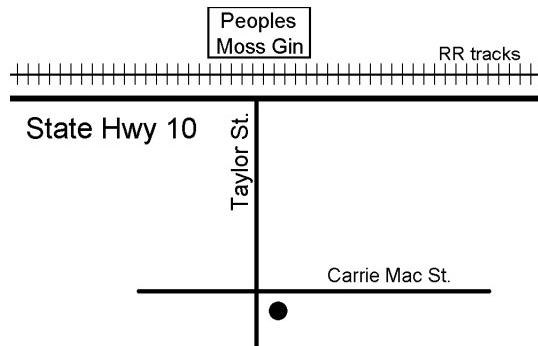
In 1943, the congregation wanted to build a larger church, so they traded the church property for a new parcel of land owned by James A. Neal. The old church was dismantled and used in the building of the new church. The new church, which faced Taylor St., was 30 ft. by 70 ft. with a steeple (which contained the church bell). Sunday School rooms were on each side of the foyer. The fellowship hall was separated from the other end of the sanctuary by a partition wall. The pine pews were built by members of the church.

In 1960, the church was repaired. This included taking the steeple down and placing the bell on a steel frame in the church yard. The foyer and 2 Sunday School rooms were removed to enlarge the sanctuary. In 1985, vinyl siding was added. In 1987, the sanctuary was carpeted. In 1990, new pews and altar furniture were purchased and a small kitchen area was added. In 1993, the parking lot was paved.

The church parsonage was built in the late 1950's. The brick structure serves as home and office and is shared by the Palmetto and Melville churches.

How to Get There:

Upon entering the small town of Palmetto, you will notice the RR tracks running on the north side of the road. Look for the Peoples Moss Gin across the tracks to the north. Turn south at the street (Taylor St.) that runs south on the opposite side of the Gin. You should see a UM sign there. The church is on the southeast corner after one block.



Patterson United Methodist Church



City	Patterson
Address	1204 Main St.
Membership	125
Founded	1849

When Methodist circuit riders made their way through south Louisiana in the early 1800's, Pattersonville (as it was known then) was surely one of their stops. The church was founded in 1849. An 1860 document dealing with obtaining property for a parsonage shows that there was a Methodist church in the town at that time. It is known that a Protestant Union Church was built and later became the property of the Methodist Church.

In 1881, Mrs. Ann Hooper sold a piece of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Along with the donation of land from J.P. Muggah, this led to a fund raising effort towards a new church. The Theatre and Literary Society led by Mrs. Thompson began raising funds in 1885. By 1888, the church had been built. The first wedding (of Mr. & Mrs. William Folsom) in the new church occurred on November 26, 1891. The church is made of red cypress wood set upon brick piers. A number of years after this, three rooms were added to the rear of the church to serve as Sunday School rooms.

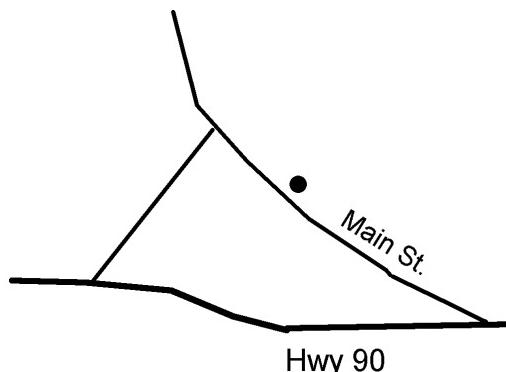
In February of 1893, a Women's Parsonage and Home Mission Society was organized by Mrs. F.A. Lyons. The effort of the society led to the building of a parsonage next to the church. The parsonage burned down in 1927, taking with it valuable church records. The present parsonage at the corner of Catherine and Lee Streets was built in 1964.

Over the years, the Patterson church has been on a variety of circuits. Although it was a separate charge at one time, it was put on circuits with Morgan City and Berwick when those churches were formed. At times it has also been on the Franklin circuit.

The educational building was built in 1954-55 under the leadership of Rev. Clayton Bennet. An office was added in 1967.

How to Get There:

Take the Patterson exit off of Hwy 90 and get on Main St. (Hwy 182). In the middle of town, the church will be on the east side of Main St.



Pecan Island United Methodist Church



City	Pecan Island
Address	Hwy. 82
Membership	44
Founded	1910

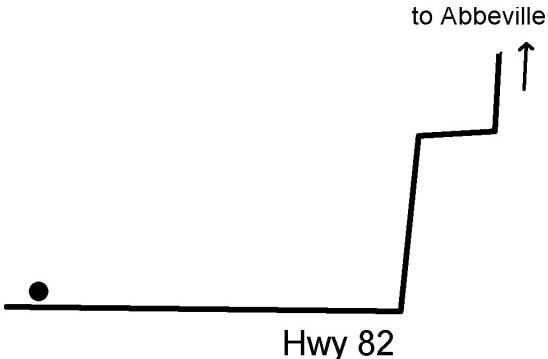
The Pecan Island United Methodist Church began just after the turn of the century. Rev. Martin Hebert, of the French Mission was the first to venture out to the small community. Located over 40 miles from Abbeville, the only way to get there was by boat. Evidently Rev. Hebert made an impact on the community, because the church began in 1910 when property was given for a church building to be constructed. Over the years, it was a part of several different circuits.

In 1954, a road was finally built to Pecan Island. Up until that time, the minister had to get there by boat. Sometimes the minister would hitch a ride on the mail boat and spend the weekend at the Island.

The wood-framed church was replaced in the early 1960's with a brick building. The old church was sold to the Baptist church next door, who still use it as their education building. An educational building was added in the early 1980's.

How to Get There:

From Abbeville, take Hwy 82 South. You will cross a large bridge onto Pecan Island and the highway will veer to the right. When you get to the community of Pecan Island, you will see the church on your right.



Pharr Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Morgan City
Address	517 Federal Ave.
Membership	374
Founded	1878

When the Patterson(ville) church was formed in the mid 1800's, its pastor made trips to Morgan City to hold services. A congregation developed by in Morgan City by 1860 and was meeting with other Protestants in a church/school building erected by the town. By 1875, a minister (Rev. A.E. Clay) was appointed to serve the Morgan City and Berwick areas. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South purchased a lot (No. 8, Square 15) for \$150.50. The cornerstone for Pharr Chapel was laid on April 4, 1878.

The first parsonage was built in 1880 on a lot next to the church. The lot had been purchased on May 4, 1879 for \$150. In 1912, the original two-story parsonage was torn down and replaced by another two-story parsonage on a lot donated by the Pharr family. In 1954, the second parsonage was torn down and replaced by a one-story home. The present parsonage was built in 1975.

In 1916, Mr. John A. Pharr donated a pipe organ, which he played until his death in 1955. In 1956, his daughter Elizabeth had the organ completely renovated. The interior of the sanctuary was also redecorated at this time, which included 4 brass chandeliers donated by the Bass family.

From 1926 to 1933, the pastor at Pharr Chapel would take a "missionary boat", the *Elizabeth James* and minister to the rural areas along the bayous. The mission was discontinued due to financial difficulties brought on by the Depression. Rev. D.B. Boddie resumed the mission work in 1940.

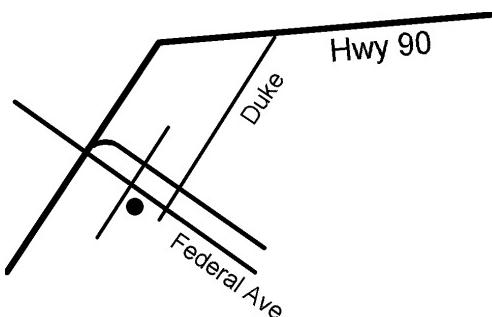
Under the leadership of Rev. E.W. Day, the education building was constructed in 1936, with the second story added in 1948 (under the leadership of Rev. E.L. Tatum). In 1960, the Bass family provided memorial funds to furnish a chapel in the building. At the same time, the educational building was enlarged, renovated, and attached to the sanctuary.

In 1965, the sanctuary received a face lift, which included carpeting and new pews. But later that year, disaster struck when the steeple was destroyed by hurricane Betsy. The steeple was rebuilt by 1966 at a cost of \$30,000. In the 1960's and 70's, several properties were purchased on the block to allow for future expansion.

Source: History: Pharr Chapel United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 90 into Morgan City. If you're heading east, take the Federal Ave. exit off of Hwy 90. Turn right on Everette and you will see the church at the corner of Federal Ave. If you're heading west, turn left off of Hwy 90 onto Duke. Turn right when you get to Federal and the church will be on your left.



First United Methodist Church - Plaquemine



City	Plaquemine
Address	415 Church St.
Membership	163
Founded	1842

In 1841, a Union Church was built and utilized by Methodists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians.

In 1842, the Plaquemine Methodist Church was organized by Rev. William Winans, presiding elder of the Natchez District of the Mississippi Conference. The Union Church was used for services until it burned down in 1880. In 1884, a new church building was erected. The old church was located in what is now the new church's parking lot.

The first parsonage was built in 184, just north of the present church.

It was a constant struggle for the pastor to get people to attend Methodist services in the heavily Catholic community. The Rev. J.E. Riddle wrote in 1892 that the Sunday School was doing well, but could be improved if "parents would show a little more interest." He also noted that they needed more teachers in the Sunday School.

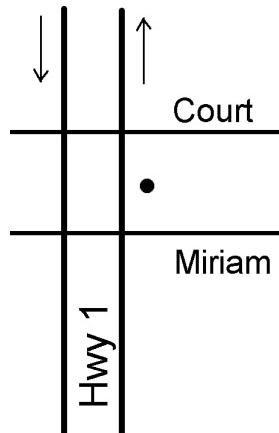
By 1894, there were 112 white and 1 black member in the congregation. Rev. H.S. Johns noted that year that "worldliness and Sabbath desecration were the main evils" at that time.

In 1953, the church was extensively remodeled under the leadership of Rev. Bob McCammon. Additional Sunday School rooms were added the following year. A new parsonage was built in 1957 and the old one was used for Sunday School classrooms. By 1959, the debt of the church had been completely paid, and the church was dedicated on October 29, 1961 by Bishop Walton.

In 1962, property was purchased on Sebastian Road for a new location. Due to the high cost of moving, they instead decided to add an educational annex, which was built in 1965 at a cost of \$120,000. Three homes were purchased to use the space for parking. There were 312 members on the roll at this time.

How to Get There:

Heading north on Hwy 1, the church will be on the right just past Miriam St. If coming into town from the north, turn left on Miriam St., then left on Hwy 1 north.



Port Barre United Methodist Church



City	Port Barre
Address	Virginia Elizabeth Ave.
Membership	42
Founded	1913

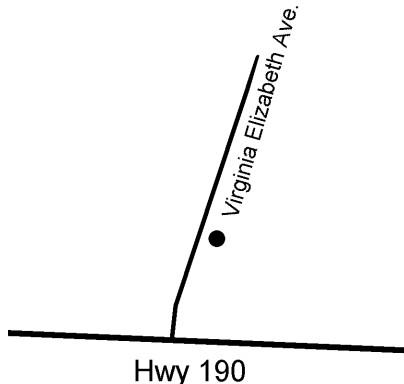
At some time before 1908, Port Barre was being visited by Methodist circuit riders. The pioneer of the French Mission, Martin Hebert, made Port Barre one of his stopping points. He would arrive by train on Saturdays and walk to an area where a tent was erected. A pump organ was used to provide the music. Lanterns were used for light, since the services were held at night. Services were also held on some Sunday mornings. When a wind blew the tent down in 1909 (and it was too rotten to raise again), services were held in a school house on the banks of Bayou Courtaleau near the train depot. When they soon became too crowded, the congregation began meeting at "The Old John LeBlanc Saloon" (which included an upstairs room with a blood-stained floor where a murder had been committed). A Sunday School was organized in 1912. Services were held on the first floor, while older Sunday School classes and box suppers were held on the second floor. Around this time, Rev. William Falcon was often making the trip with Rev. Hebert.

Rev. Falcon was present when the church, consisting of 8 members, was organized on May 9, 1913 as the Port Barre Methodist Episcopal Church, South. By 1916, membership was up to 34. The first church building was built in 1919. A building project, which included an educational building, was undertaken (and completed in 1951) to accommodate a growing congregation. The first resident pastor arrived in 1957 and a parsonage for Rev. C.J. Thibodeaux in 1958.

By 1968, the congregation needed more room. Property was purchased on the corner of Cora Miller and Virginia Elizabeth Streets. The first service was held in the new building by Rev. J.D. Strozier on April 8, 1971.

How to Get There:

When you get to Port Barre on Hwy 190, turn north onto Virginia Elizabeth Ave. The church is a few hundred yards up ahead on your right.



Rosedale United Methodist Church



City	Rosedale
Address	Hwy. 723
Membership	62
Founded	1895

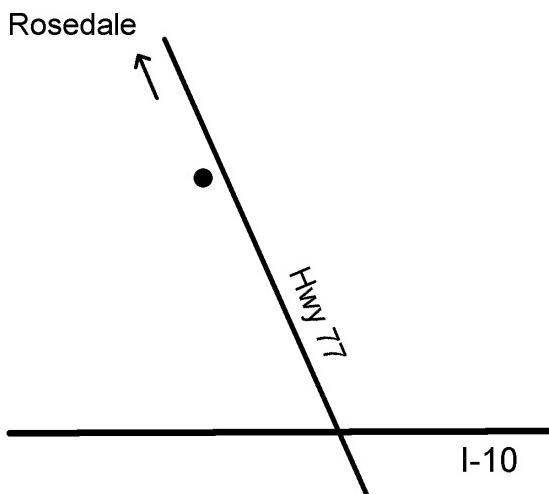
Although Rosedale doesn't appear in the early Journals of the Louisiana Conference, it is assumed that pastors serving nearby areas such as Plaquemine stopped by to hold services on occasion. The first known services were held at Live Oak Plantation. When the Presbyterian church was built, services were held there. In a quarterly conference report on February 4, 1894, Rev. William Schuhle reported that "some Sunday School work is now being done at Rosedale." Rev. Schuhle held a revival at Rosedale and 5 persons joined the church. At the May 4, 1895 quarterly conference, a building committee was appointed to build a church at Rosedale. The church fund was started with \$15 that came from the sale of the church building at Harmony. Since Rev. Schuhle was a carpenter, he and the men in the congregation were able to construct the church by March 14, 1895. By 1897, a Women's Missionary Society was formed.

One of the prominent families in the church is the Hooper family. For example, Ella Hooper became a deaconess and helped to found the MacDonnell School in Houma; and Wilhelmina Hooper spent over 30 years with the Dulac Mission in Terrebonne Parish. These are just two examples of the fine Christian character exemplified in the Rosedale church.

By the 1950's, a new church was needed. A fund was started in 1957. Rev. T. Wayne Perrott arrived in October of that year and led the church in making plans, selecting the site, and building the new church. It included a stained glass window titled "Jesus Praying in the Garden." Services in the new church began on July 14, 1963. A homecoming was held 5 days later. Miss Florence Booksh, who had joined the church in 1897, was recognized as the oldest member. The new building was dedicated on August 30, 1970.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 10, take the Rosedale exit onto Hwy 77 North. A couple of miles up the road you will find the church on your left.



Scott Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Lettsworth
Address	Hwy. 1
Membership	38
Founded	1890

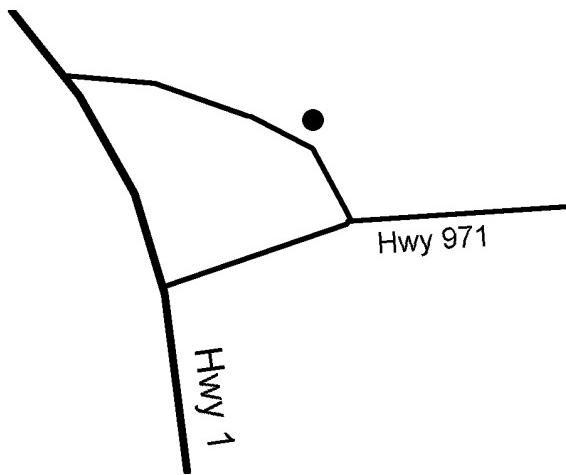
Scott Chapel began as the Chinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the church dates the church back to 1890.

The church today stands on the same ground along Bayou Lettsworth purchased by its founders a century ago. The building and grounds are contained just over half an acre. The land was originally part of the plantation owned by Ernest F. Platt. It was purchased from the Platt family on June 3, 1903 for \$100.

After being renamed Scott Chapel, the church was one of the first in the area to be used as a public school for children.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 1 towards Lettsworth. Turn right on 971. After 1/2 mile, turn left and you will see the church on your right.



Shiloh United Methodist Church



City	Maringouin
Address	Hwy. 76
Membership	38
Founded	1859



1967

Shiloh Methodist Church was established by Rev. Jim Pennson in 1859. The second church building was constructed in 1874 under the leadership of Rev. George Lacey. Rev. Lacey also conducted the first Baptism service; the candidates were Dan Scott, Louis Scott, Randolph and Sherman Smith.

The land for the church and adjacent cemetery was donated on Dec. 21, 1887 by S. Thomas McCardell and John Adams Matherne. The third church building was later built under the leadership of Rev. Jessie Roger and with the assistance of Dan Scott, Louis Scott, Walter Oliver, Tom Borrow, and George Harris. Food was provided by the ladies of the church.

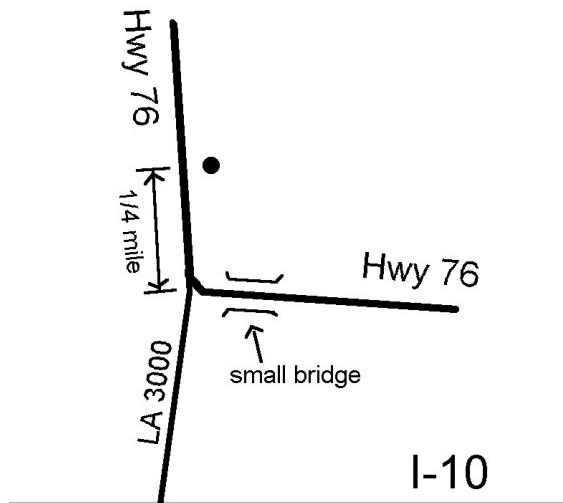
In 1924, the fourth (and present) church building was constructed under the leadership of Rev. D.A. Landry. As with the previous building, the men (including James Ventress, Sam Harris, Henry Pelichet, Jimmy Oliver, and Elias Butler, Sr.) worked on the construction while the ladies provided the food.

There is a cemetery to the left of the church.

SOURCE: History - Shiloh United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Take I-10 west from Baton Rouge. About 5 miles past the Rosedale/Grosse Tete exit, you will take the exit onto Hwy 3000 and head north. Keep heading north and this will run into Hwy 76. From the point where Hwy 76 (coming from the east) joins 3000, go 1/4 mile. The church will be on the right.



St. James United Methodist Church



City	Belle Rose
Address	140 Hwy 998
Membership	107
Founded	1886

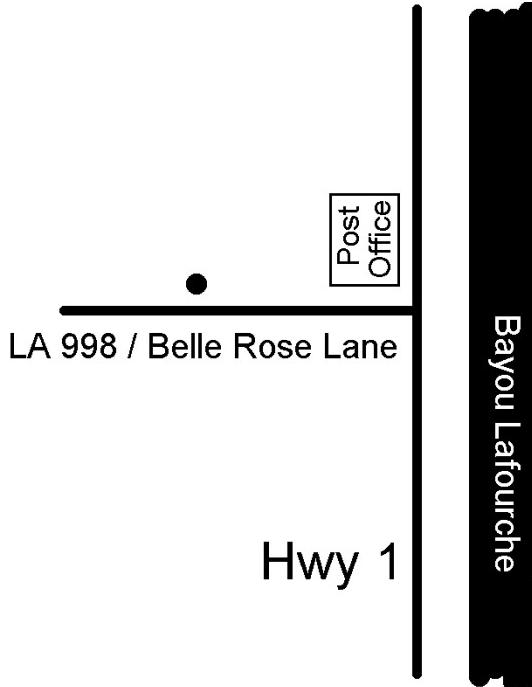
In 1886, a church was built at Voiron (about one mile south of Tigerville on Hwy 1). The pastor of that first church was Rev. J.M. Bryant.

In 1927, Rev. L.A. Williams and his brother Angelin Williams requested land in Tigerville (present-day Belle Rose). Property was purchased from Clarence J. Savoie for \$2. The church structure was moved to the new location the following year (1928) under the leadership of Rev. R. Jones.

The present church was built in 1964. The Rev. W.C. August was the builder of the structure. The lay leader at the time of construction was Everette Levy, Sr.. They were led by the pastor, Rev. Walter Barabin, who had been serving the church since 1957.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 1 from Donaldsonville. When you get to the Belle Rose, turn right at the Post Office. This street just past the post office is Belle Rose Lane (Hwy 998). The church is one the right, 1/3 mile down the road.



St. James United Methodist Church



City	Melville
Address	Hwy. 105
Membership	30
Founded	1894



1967

Land for the church was bought from Mr. W. Burton for \$15 cash on November 24, 1894. The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of Melville was soon constructed. The eight members were led by Rev. E.H. Knox.

Rev. J.H. Rylander was pastor when the church was rebuilt in 1902. Renamed Melville Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, the cornerstone was laid on October 26, 1902.

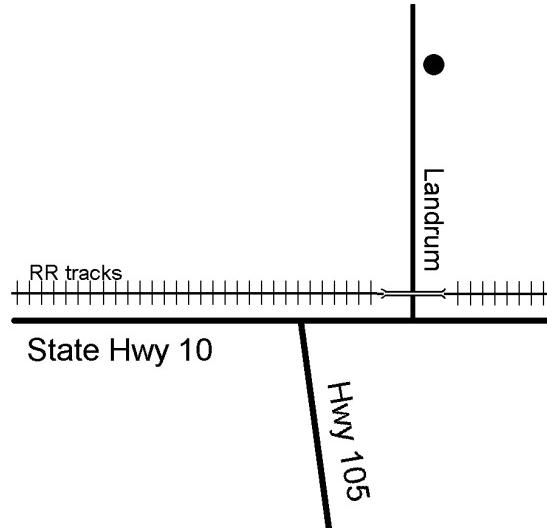
A new church was constructed in 1924 under the leadership of Rev. D.L. Riley. When the cornerstone was laid on November 30, 1924, the church had a new name ... St. James Methodist Episcopal Church. Sunday school was taught in the church parsonage at that time.

In 1947, the church bought its first piano from the Catholic Church for \$150. Dinners were sold to pay for it.

By the end of the 20th century, plans were being made to enlarge the facilities and purchase new furnishings.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 190, turn north onto Hwy 105. You will get to Melville after about 11 miles. When you get into town, turn right onto State Hwy 10 (LaFleur). After 1/4 mile, turn north onto Landrum (Hwy 105). You will pass under RR tracks. The church will be about 5 blocks ahead on your right.



St. James United Methodist Church



City	New Iberia
Address	549 E. St. Peter St.
Membership	109
Founded	1865



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The St. James church was organized by Rev. William Davis on April 9, 1865. A small church was built and served the congregation until 1893. A new church was completed in May of 1893 under the leadership of Rev. A.H. Banks.

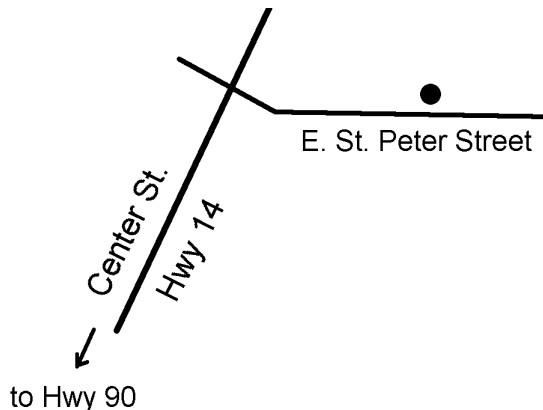
In 1918, the Louisiana Annual Conference met in New Iberia with St. James serving as the host church. The pastor at that time was Rev. Henry Taylor.

In the late 1960s, a truck ran into the front of the church creating a lot of damage (see picture). That wooden church was later replaced by the present brick structure.

The church is proud to have supported several into the ministry, including J.D. Richard, A.W.M. Obee, Ed Richard, Travis Larkins, J.J. Obee, Eugene Johnson, Robert Wilkins, and William & Russell Jones.

How to Get There:

Take the Hwy 14 exit into New Iberia. Turn right on E. St. Peter Street. The church will be a few hundred yards down on your left. Note: *St. Peter Street is a one way street running east.*



St. Luke United Methodist Church

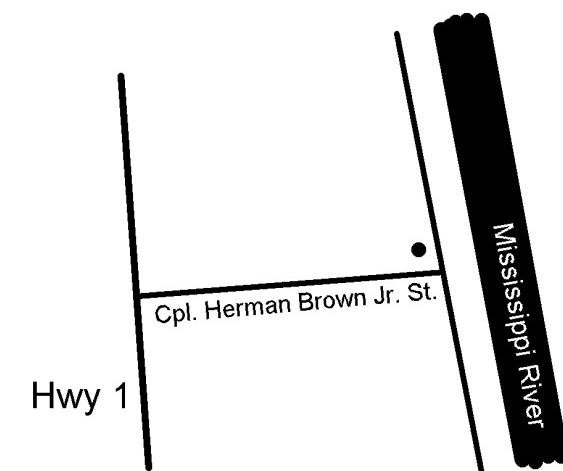


City	Bayou Goula
Address	Herman Brown, Jr. St.
Membership	48
Founded	

The St. Luke's church was remodeled in 1901 under the leadership of Rev. A.B. Harris. Trustees at that time included J.S. Davidson, F.H. Washington, A. Thomas, T.W. DeLong, E.L. Morris, L. Cartwright, and Ed. Marshall.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 1 out of Plaquemine. At Bayou Goula, you'll get to a caution light, with a cemetery at the SE corner of the intersection. Take a left here (onto Herman Brown Jr. St.). Go to the end of the street, where it runs into the river road. The church will be on the left at the corner.



St. Mark United Methodist Church



City	Opelousas
Address	601 S. Market St.
Membership	294
Founded	1867



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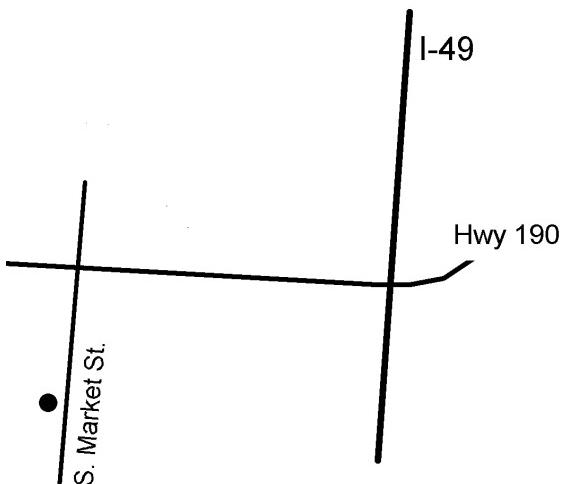
In 1859, a group of ten to twelve people began to gather at the home of Louis Minor for prayer and Bible study. Land for a church was purchased on Market Street for \$100 in 1867 by Rev. Richard Dorsey for the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A small temporary building was built at the site for services. At first, the church was known as the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of Opelousas.

On March 11, 1880, the congregation bought additional property for \$100 next to the original church. The pastor at that time was Rev. Washington Brooks. A frame church was later built in 1894 on the new property. The pastor at that time was Rev. E.B. Richard. It was replaced by a new church in August of 1924. The third and current church building was constructed in 1975 under the leadership of Rev. Talmadge E. McElroy. In 2002, a barbecue facility was added to the property.

Over the years, the church has nurtured six people into the ministry: Webster Castain, Richard Harry, James Haynes, Moses Jackson, Chris Jones, and Marvette Thomas.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 190 West into Opelousas. About a mile west of Hwy 49, you will turn left onto Market St. The church will be about 4 blocks down on your right.



St. Paul United Methodist Church



City	Jeanerette
Address	1401 Annie Moore Dr.
Membership	141
Founded	1874

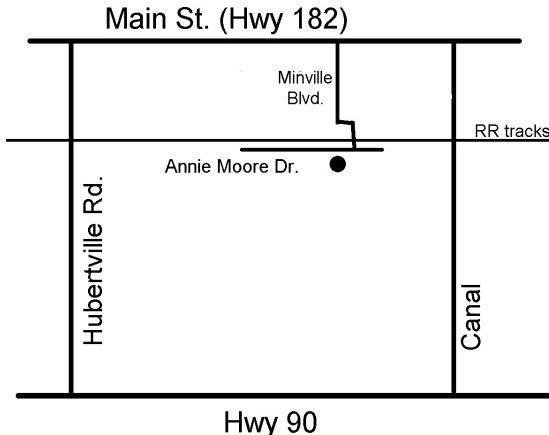
The church was organized under the leadership of Rev. A. Moore in 1874. The land was donated on January 26, 1875 by Addison Moore, and a church was built.

The original church was replaced in 1907 under the leadership of Rev. D.S. Sloon. The Gothic arched stained glass windows were an original feature of the church.

In 1949, under the leadership of Rev. P.M. Jones, the parsonage was renovated, a reception room and restrooms were added to the back of the church, and gas lines were installed. Rev. V.S. Byoune led the church in 1953-57 in repairing the parsonage, painting the inside of the church, the construction of an education building, and purchasing land on Hebert Street for the construction of a new church and parsonage. The current parsonage on Hebert Street was purchased under the leadership of Rev. Robert Norwood.. Under the leadership of Rev. Fulton A. Raymond, the church bought new pews, painted the inside of the church, added siding to the exterior, and installed carpeting.

How to Get There:

Take the Hubertville Rd. exit off of Hwy 90. Head north to Hwy 182 and then turn right into Jeanerette. After a little over a mile, take a right onto Minville Blvd. Drive for 1/3 mile till you cross the RR tracks. Turn right onto Annie Moor Dr. (Railroad Ave.) and you will see the church on your left.



St. Paul United Methodist Church



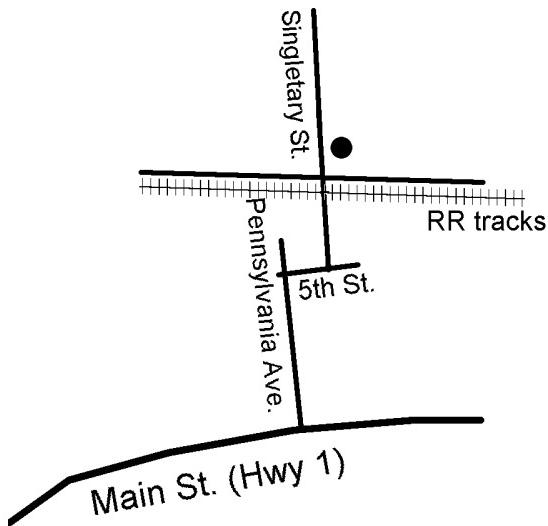
City	New Roads
Address	Singletary St.
Membership	19
Founded	1904

The church began with its purchase date of March 22, 1904. The deed shows that \$75 was paid to Mr. L.R. Harrell of Pointe Coupee that day. The Board of Trustees consisted of Calvin Stanly, Sr., Solomon Stanly, Calvin Stanly, Jr., Dr. J.H. Yoish, and Peter Viel. A church was soon built on the property.

Source: Our Church History, by Emma T. Celestine

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 1 North off of Hwy 190. You will get to New Roads in about 18 miles. At New Roads, turn left onto Pennsylvania Ave. Turn right at the second street (5th St.) and then turn left on Singletary St. Cross the RR tracks and you will see the church just ahead on the right.



St. Paul United Methodist Church



City	Waxia
Address	Hwy. 359
Membership	39
Founded	1888

Rev. Joseph Johnson led in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Waxia in 1888. The church was built along the Bayou Waxia.

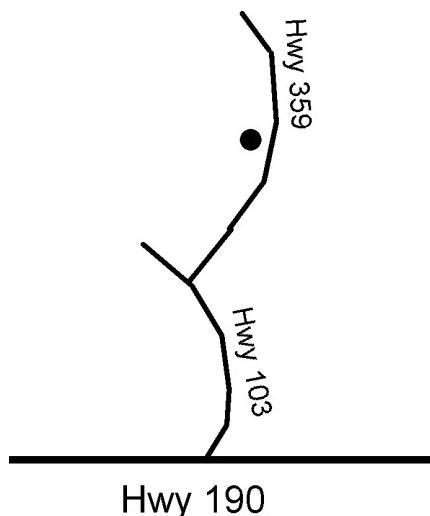
The church was moved to a better location in 1901. Belle Phelps and Elizabeth Layne exchanged lots with the church so that the new church location was on Hwy 395 (Waxia Rd.). The name of the church was changed to St. Paul.

In 1963, the old church was taken down and replaced with a new one.

For over 100 years, St. Paul United Methodist Church has been and will continue to be a church where minds and hearts are cultivated with the word of God.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 190, turn north on State Hwy 103 at Port Barre. After about 5-6 miles, you will turn right onto 359. The church will be up ahead on the left.



St. Peter United Methodist Church



City	Donaldsonville
Address	217 Houmas
Membership	100
Founded	1866

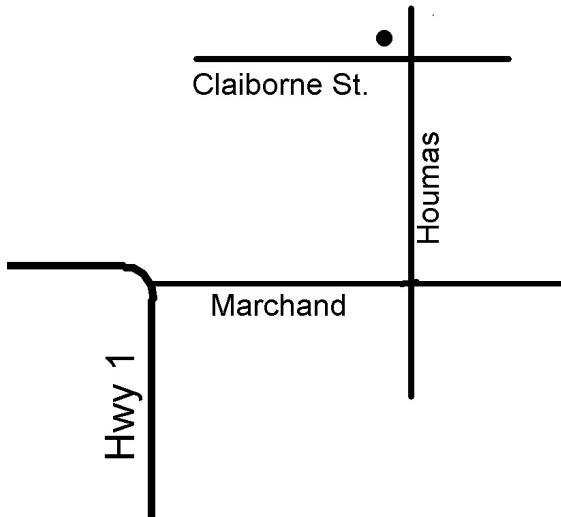
The St. Peter Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1865. It began as an outreach of the Methodist Episcopal Church Missionary Society of New York. They established St. Peter as a school for African-Americans. It was the only school for African-Americans in Ascension Parish in those days. The first church was built in 1866. The original pastor was Rev. A. Kennedy.

After the church was destroyed by a storm, it was rebuilt in 1895 under the leadership of Rev. C.D. Shallowhorne. The architect for the new white wooden church was J.N. Fitzgerald.

As the church begins the 21st century, it is working on renovating the church to its former glory under the leadership of Rev. Sonya Lars. The congregation also continues to focus its ministries on evangelism, spiritual renewal, and community outreach.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 1 into Donaldsonville. When Hwy 1 turns to the left, turn right onto Marchand. Turn left onto Houmas. After 3 blocks, you will get to Claiborne St. The church is on the left, on the NW corner of Houmas and Claiborne.



St. Peter United Methodist Church



City	Jeanerette
Address	994 St. Peter St.
Membership	142
Founded	1870



1967

On October 12, 1870, property was purchased from Mrs. Carolie Larenoudie for \$144. The first pastor was Rev. Addison Moore and services were held in an old log cabin. Rev. Moore and many of the early members were former slaves. In 1871, a wood frame church was built. This original church was destroyed in 1914 by a wind storm, so a new one was built under the direction of Rev. W.H. Hampton. During this time, the church was used as a school and as a meeting place for a Benevolent Society.

Disaster struck again in 1934 when another storm completely demolished the 1914 church. Utilizing a tent and nearby St. Paul Methodist Church, the St. Peter congregation continued to meet. Under the leadership of Rev. T.E. McElroy, a new wood frame church was constructed in 1935. During this era, two members ... King Alexander and Marshall Wesley ... were called into the ministry.

In the 1970's, the church was renovated inside and out. The front style was changed and the church was bricked. The present cornerstone is a replacement of the one from 1871-1935 that had been accidentally broken.

Source: St. Peter United Methodist Church - A Historical Sketch

How to Get There:

Take the Jeanerette exit off of Hwy 90. When you get into town, turn right on Main St. (Hwy 182). On the east side of town, turn right onto St. Peter St. After about a mile, you will see the church on your right.

Main St. (Hwy 182)

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St. Peter Street

St. Peter United Methodist Church



City	Maringouin
Address	Pecan St.
Membership	76
Founded	1882



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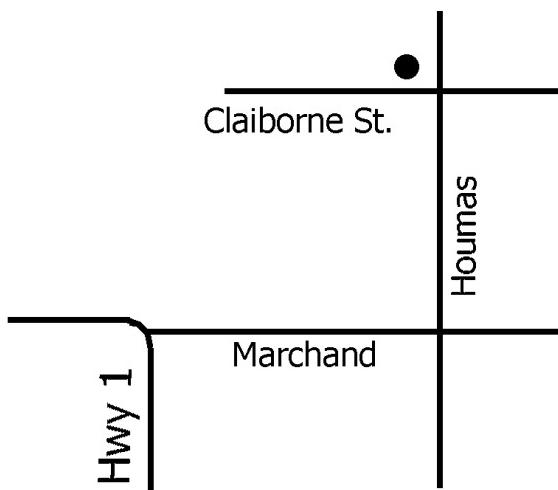
The church was organized with seven family members in the Mulmore home in 1882. They were led by Rev. H.T.O. Albert. As the group grew larger, they began meeting outdoors under an oak tree. Within two years, enough money had been raised to build the first "Little St. Peter Methodist Church."

After Rev. Albert passed away, the church was led by Rev. C.A. Taylor. He led the church in building the "First Large St Peter Methodist Church."

The current building was constructed in 1984 under the leadership of Rev. Ernest Scott.

How to Get There:

Take I-10 west out of Baton Rouge. Take the Rosedale/Grosse Tete exit and go north on Hwy 77. After about 8 miles, you will reach Maringouin, where the Hwy turns to the left (and is called Landry Rd.). A couple of blocks after the RR tracks, take a left on Bayou Rd. The church will be on the left, 4 blocks down, at the corner of Bayou and Pecan.



First United Methodist Church - Thibodaux



City	Thibodaux
Address	1255 Canal Blvd.
Membership	281
Founded	1832; 1840s, 1948

In 1832, Rev. Benjamin Coxe was appointed to the Lafourche Mission. At that time, Thibodaux was the largest town in the Lafourche area; so it probably served as the headquarters for Rev. Coxe. The church journal states that the sacraments were administered at the courthouse in Thibodaux. The membership along the circuit consisted of 20 whites and 20 blacks. Several preachers were appointed at different times over the next decade or so. Services were held in the courthouse until the late 1840's, when construction began on a church building.

The Thibodaux church was the largest Methodist church in the area. It had a 50' tall steeple that could be seen from far away. The church had seating space for 300 people. It was dedicated on September 24, 1851. Although built on a back street, it was moved to Jackson Street in September. Later that year, in December, the 6th session of the Louisiana Annual Conference was held in Thibodaux.

In 1852, Rev. Robert Harp arrived to find a charge consisting of 64 white and 62 black members. He organized the first Sunday School at Thibodaux when he arrived. It is Rev. Harp that started the only church journal of Methodism in the area for the 19th century. That journal is now in the Conference Archives.

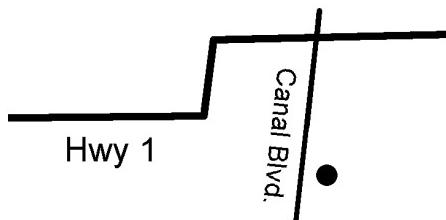
For the next 20-30 years, the church was usually served by a pastor. Some years, no one could be found to serve the charge. At times, the circuit extended from Berwick to Donaldsonville. The last entry in the church journal comes in 1889. Rev. James Matthew Henry was appointed to the Thibodaux circuit for that year. He found a church and six remaining members. After E.T. Denson was appointed in 1891, Thibodaux disappears from the records. Finally, the church was sold. The old church's location is now marked by a parking lot for an auto dealer.

In 1948, a group of men set up to reestablish the church. While funds were raised and construction occurred, they held services at the Episcopal Church. The new church was completed under the leadership of Rev. John Redmond and dedicated in 1950. A farm house was donated to the church and moved to the church property to be used as a parsonage. In 1954, the educational building was built. Two years later, in 1956, a two-story Fellowship Hall was built by members of the church. In 1978, the old parsonage was turned into classroom space and a new parsonage was purchased. Later, in 1991, the old parsonage was removed to make room for a new Fellowship Hall.

Source: Methodism Along the Bayou, Timothy Hebert

How to Get There:

Head into Thibodaux via Hwy 1. In the middle of downtown, you will turn south on Canal Blvd. The church is about 12 blocks down on your left.



Trinity United Methodist Church



City	Baldwin
Address	101 Main St./Hwy. 90
Membership	83
Founded	1873



1967

The Trinity United Methodist Church began in 1873. It began as a part of the Gilbert Academy (now known as Sager-Brown). At first, services were held in the school house of the Academy. Aided by Dr. Godman, the president of Gilbert Academy, finances were raised to build a church in 1882. The last renovation of the original building occurred in 1935.

By the 1960's, it was evident that a new building was needed and a fund was started for a new church. Under the guidance of Rev. Louis Streams, a new church was planned. Although the ground-breaking occurred under his pastorate, the church was completed when Rev. Roger D. Lathan was pastor in 1974. A new organ and pews were purchased. The first service in the new church was Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, 1974. The Consecration Service was held exactly one month later.

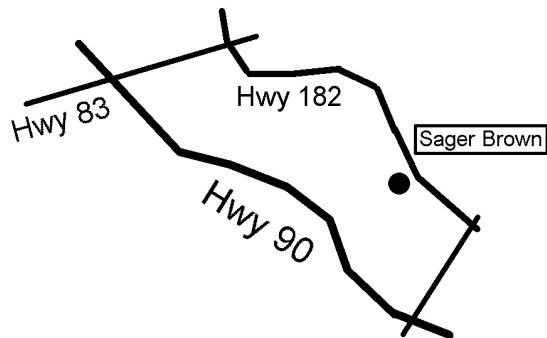
When Rev. Henry Gage arrived in 1976, he urged the congregation to pay off the church debt as soon as possible. Through the inspired giving of the members, the last note was paid off at the end of 1977. The dedication service was held 3 years later, on November 23, 1980.

In 1982, a bell tower and prayer room were donated by the Gibbs family. For years, the bell from the old church had sat in the hall of the church. It was now properly returned to a bell tower.

Source: Trinity's 120th Homecoming Anniversary Book

How to Get There:

While passing through Baldwin on Hwy 182, look for the Sager-Brown complex. The red bricked Trinity UMC will be on the opposite side of the road, set back a bit from the road.



Vacherie United Methodist Church



City	Vacherie
Address	2661 Hwy. 18
Membership	9
Founded	1906

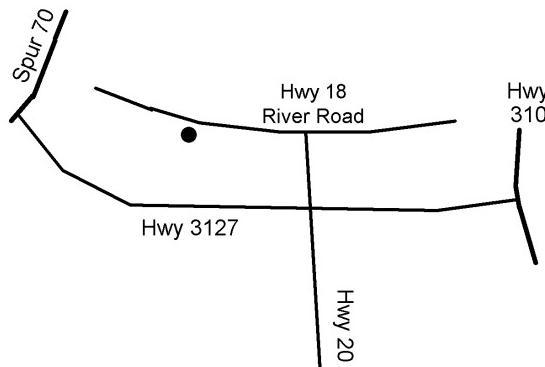
In 1906, the first Methodist church in Vacherie was constructed. Before that time, services were held in private homes and at the Y.M.C.A. The church of 59 charter members was served by pastors from the New Orleans area. By the mid 1920's, the Vacherie Methodist Church was put on the Donaldsonville charge. The Donaldsonville pastor would hold services at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoons, two or three times per month.

When the Thibodaux church was "re-established" in 1948, the Vacherie Methodist Church elected to be added to the Thibodaux charge. For a long time, services were held once a month. Recently, the service schedule has increased to twice monthly (on Saturday afternoons) and is still being served by the Thibodaux pastor.

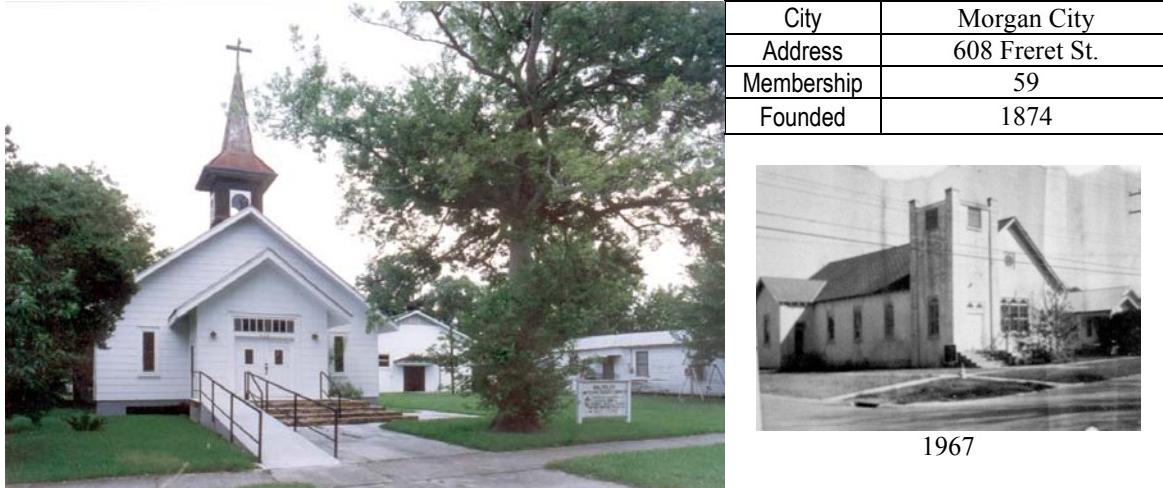
Hurricanes have taken their toll on the Vacherie church through the years. After hurricanes destroyed the steeple and vestibule and knocking the church off its foundation, "Betsy" completely demolished the church in 1965. All that remained was one pew, the pulpit, and the altar railing. The church was rebuilt in 1967 by

How to Get There:

When traveling from the west, turn off of Spur 70 and head east on 3127. Turn left when you get to Hwy 20. When traveling from the east, take 3127 west off of Hwy 310 and head west. Turn right when you get to Hwy 20. Hwy 20 leads into Vacherie at the River Road. When you get to River Road, turn left. The small red brick church will be a few miles up ahead on the left.



Walmsley United Methodist Church



City	Morgan City
Address	608 Freret St.
Membership	59
Founded	1874

The Union Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on April 12, 1874. The first church building was located in the 700 block of Third Street. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Barrow.

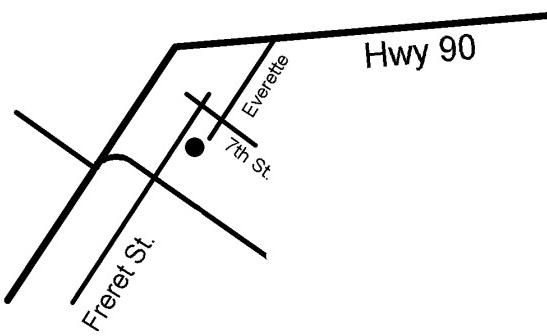
The original church was destroyed by a storm in 1926. R.A. Walmsley, who was the pastor at that time, built a new church at the corner of Sixth and Greenwood Streets ... though he passed away before it was finished. When the church was consecrated, it was renamed the Walmsley Memorial Methodist Church.

In 1974, a bridge was to be constructed over the church property, so relocation was necessary. Under the leadership of Rev. Louis L. Streams, Jr., the Holy Eucharist Catholic Church on Freret St. was purchased in 1974 and became the Walmsley United Methodist Church. The sanctuary and hall had not been used for years. Under the leadership of Rev. Roger Latham, the congregation moved into the "new" building in January of 1975.

On May 5, 2002, a Founder's Day celebration was held in honor of the 128th anniversary of Walmsley.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 90 into Morgan City. If you're heading east, take the Federal Ave. exit off of Hwy 90. Turn left onto Freret St. The church will be up ahead on your right. If you're heading west, turn left off of Hwy 90 onto Everette. Take the first right onto Seventh St. and then turn left onto Freret. The church will be up ahead on your left.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Houma
Address	500 Canal St.
Membership	53
Founded	1866



1967

The Wesley United Methodist Church began as a branch of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North in 1866. After the Civil War, Rev. R.K. Diossy was appointed to this area by the Methodist Episcopal Church, North. Since Louisiana Methodism had always been in the southern branch of the church, it was his task to start churches under the northern branch. Under his leadership, property was purchased on the corner of Canal and Wood Streets and a church was built. The first pastor was William Murrell, who also served the Thibodaux church that Rev. Diossy had begun. By the end of 1866, there were 340 members in Thibodaux and Houma, and both churches had been completed.

In 1889, the original church was replaced by a white frame steepled church with colored glass windows. The size of the church property increased when the Evening Star Lodge #1 donated an adjacent piece of land. The 1889 church stood for 80 years. Due to the effects of time and Hurricane Betsy (1965), the church was torn down and replaced with the present building.

The new church was constructed in 1970 under the leadership of Pastor Henry Gage. During construction, members worshiped with the Mount Vernon UMC in Gray, LA. Consecration services were held for the new church in June 1970. The mortgage note was burned on Dec. 12, 1976.

Source: Methodism Along the Bayou, Timothy Hebert

How to Get There:

Head into Houma on Main St.. As you get to the downtown area, take a right on Canal St. The church is about 4 blocks down on your left.

Main St. / Hwy 24

Canal St.

Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Napoleonville
Address	Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.
Membership	66
Founded	1898

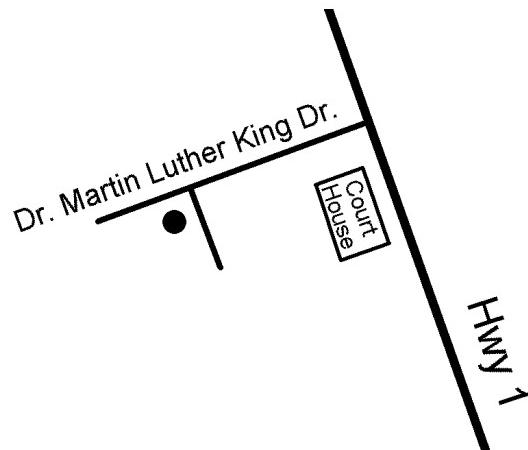


1967

The Wesley congregation was started in 1898. The original church was built in 1897. It was located across the street from the present church, which was built in 1970.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 1 to Napoleonville. Turn west on the street (Dr. Martin Luther King Dr., formerly Courthouse) just north of the Parish Courthouse. After a few hundred feet, the church will be on your left.



Wiley United Methodist Church



City	Blanks
Address	3645 River Station Rd.
Membership	52
Founded	1885



1967

The original church was built in 1885 on False River Road. The pastor at that time was Rev. G.W. Walls.

While Rev. Harrall was pastor, the church decided to move to Blanks Road. The Bommer Smith Lumber Company and family donated land at the location to the church. A concrete slab was poured and the church built out of blocks. The move was made on April 16, 1921 under the leadership of Rev. J.L. Augusta.

At some point between the pastorate of Rev. Lockhart and Rev. G.M. Alford, the current church was built on the site. Services were held under a tree in the front yard during construction.

Rev. Carolyn Ross, the church's first female pastor, organized a youth choir and liturgical dancers during her tenure.

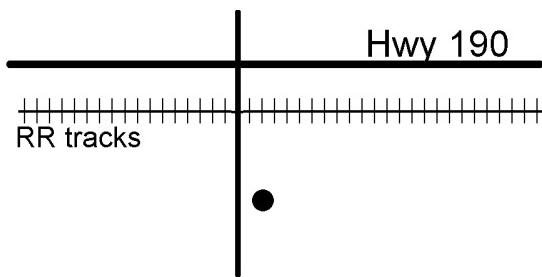
Though most of its ministers stayed from one to five years, Rev. Ernest Scott served the longest (eleven years).

A fellowship hall and new pews were added later.

Source: History of Wiley UMC, by Mrs. Dorothy Dotson, Rosalie Toussaint, Malana Bessix, Milton Gaines, Jr.

How to Get There:

As you get to Blanks on Hwy 190, you will turn south and cross the RR tracks. The church is just ahead on your left.



Wilson Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Lottie
Address	5828 Hwy. 81 E.
Membership	18
Founded	c.1880

The Cottonwood Church was first built around 1880 on land bought from the Clarks. The cemetery is still located in that area. A new larger church was built in 1905 and the original church taken down. Services were held once a month in those days. We don't have details of the early days because the church records were burned in a fire in 1925.

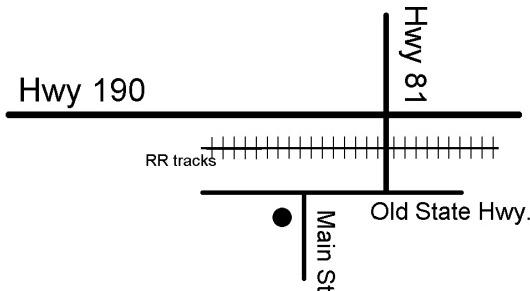
The congregation decided to move to Lottie in 1920. The church asked the conference for \$1,500 in the mid 1930s for repairs.

In the early 1940s, a student pastor from LSU allowed the church to hold services more than once a month. Plans for a new church and parsonage were started while Rev. C.D. Pinkard was pastor.

The church and property were sold in 1950 and a new structure built in Lottie on land donated by Mrs. John M. Wilson and her children (McDonald and Nannie Sue). The land was to belong to the congregation as long as there was a church in operation. The new church was named Wilson Memorial. The current parsonage was acquired at this time.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 190 to Lottie. Turn south onto Hwy 81 and cross the RR tracks. Turn right on Old State Hwy. Take a left on Main St. and you will see the church immediately to your right.



Woodlawn United Methodist Church



City	Napoleonville
Address	4042 Hwy. 308
Membership	71
Founded	1869

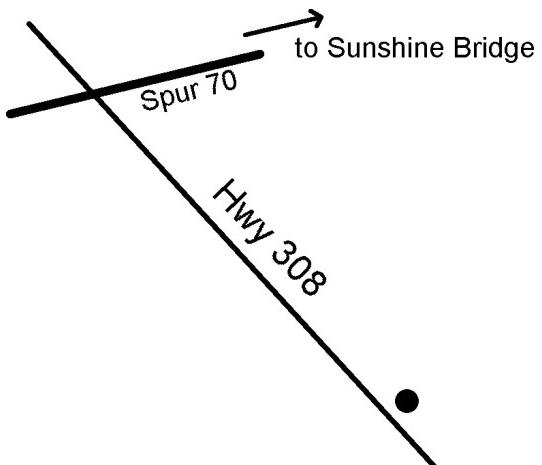


1967

The church was founded in 1869.

How to Get There:

Head south from Spur 70 on Hwy 308 (which runs parallel to Hwy 1, but across the bayou). The church is 6.8 miles south of Spur 70.



ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

The Alexandria District is comprised of churches in central Louisiana. The Alexandria District office is located at 2350-A Methodist Parkway, Woodworth (71485). The office number is 318-443-3213. The fax number is 318-448-3550. The email address is <umcalxds@bellsouth.net>.

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First United Methodist Church - Alexandria



City	Alexandria
Address	2727 Jackson St.
Membership	1356
Founded	1847



1907-1968

Methodism in Alexandria dates back to the early 1800s. The first appointed pastor was Rev. John Harmon. The first church building (1847) may have been located on Front Street (now the levee).

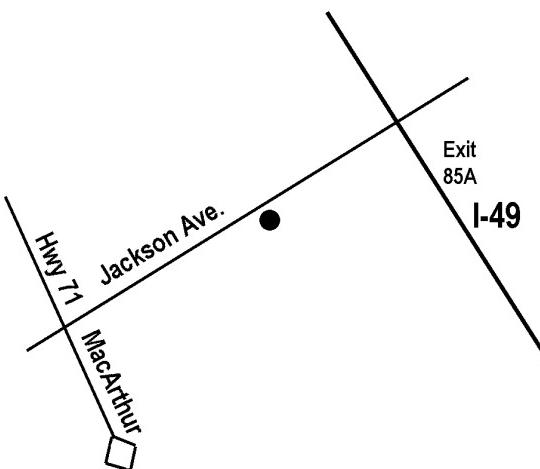
It was probably the second church structure that burned down on May 13, 1864 when Union troops set fire to Alexandria after retreating from the Battle of Mansfield. This church may have been located on Third Street between Lee and Washington Streets. Knowledge of the church up to this time is sketchy, since all church records were lost in the fire. The next church building was constructed in 1877 and rebuilt in 1888.

A two-story brick edifice was constructed on Jackson St. in 1907. When West End Methodist Church merged with First Church in 1910, the combined membership under the leadership of Rev. H.R. Singleton stood at 500 members. A three-story brick education building was built next to the church in 1927, under the leadership of Rev. Cleanth Brooks, Sr.

The church moved down the street in 1968 to build a new church, chapel, fellowship hall, and education building. Since then, the church has added a youth/family center and additional parking across the street.

How to Get There:

From I-49, take exit 85A and head NW to Jackson Ave. Then turn left and head SW. Or, turn east on Jackson Ave. from MacArthur (Hwy 71). The church is on the south side of the street.



Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Natchitoches
Address	704 Fifth St.
Membership	139
Founded	1866

The Natchitoches Missionary Society Church began under the leadership of Rev. Ebenezer Hayward in 1866. By mid-year, they had purchased a lot at the corner of St. Denis and Fifth St. By April 1867, the church and education building had been built with the help of a \$2000 grant from the Methodist Episcopal Society in New York. A marker at the site notes that the church, built by former slaves, was the first Methodist church built in Natchitoches.

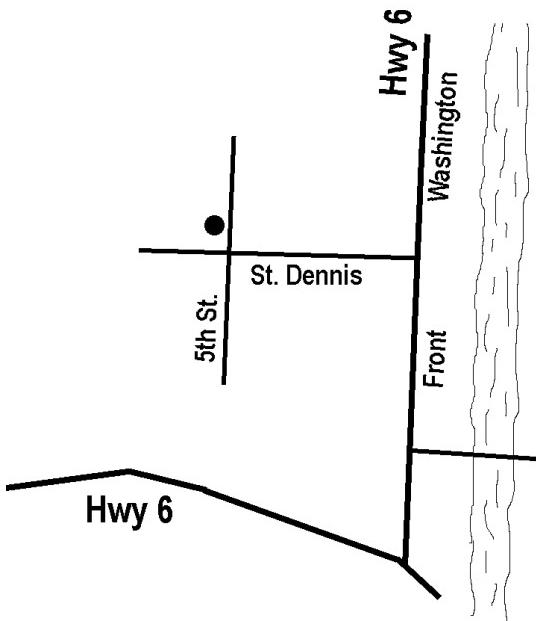
When the original church was burned down in 1879, Rev. J.S. Hilton led the congregation in rebuilding the church. A third church structure was built under the leadership of Rev. David Shelby (1892-93) at the same location.

The fourth and current church was built in 1957 under the leadership of Rev. J.S. Dickson, who led the first service in the new sanctuary on July 14, 1957. It was dedicated in May 1974 in a service led by Rev. Richard Harry and Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield.

In 1998, the congregations of Williams Chapel and St. Mark (which had been on Asbury's circuit for years) joined with the congregation of Asbury.

How to Get There:

From Front St. in downtown Natchitoches, turn west onto St. Denis. After 4 blocks, turn right on 5th St. The church is on the left.



Atlanta United Methodist Church



City	Atlanta
Address	Main St.
Membership	25
Founded	1882

The Atlanta church appears to have begun in the latter half of the 19th century, but the early records are not available. There was a Methodist Protestant Church and a Methodist Episcopal Church in the area in those early days. LaJuana Ferguson found evidence that the Conference gave permission for a church to be formed in Atlanta in 1865.

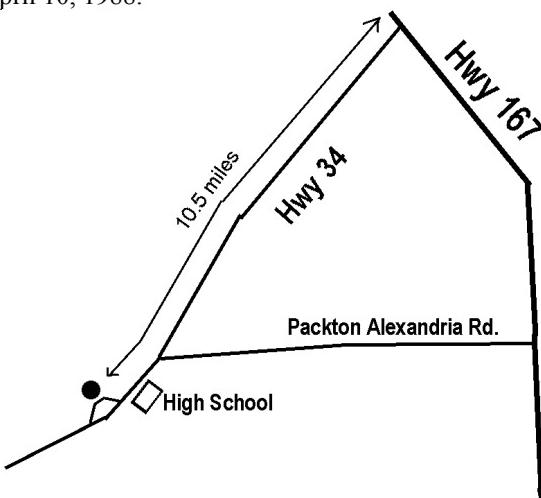
The congregation is mentioned in a report on the Winnfield Circuit dated December 9, 1882 by Rev. E.B. Galloway. The Atlanta Methodist Society became affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at that time. Names of the early church families include: Ferguson, Deen, Bonnett, Horn, Patton, Collier, Allen, Hunt, Sandford, Anders, Rogers, Brock, Bice, Maseberg, Byle, Bird, Watson, Peace, George, Boddy, Reaves, Brown, Turner, Robinson, Albright, Stroud, Teddlie, Drewett, Burkett, and Williams.

The old church was torn down in 1905 and a new church built by 1906. Stained glass was installed with a \$1000 donation by Aunt Em Peace. When a tornado destroyed the church (along with the Baptist and Catholic churches) in 1916, the Germain & Boyd Lumber Company donated lumber and carpenter labor to build a new one. The church, midway located between Milltown and Atlanta, was used until it was torn down and rebuilt near Red Land Creek in 1933 by WPA workers. The only cemetery within Atlanta is located at the church.

When the present structure was built by Ed Collins, Jr. in 1961-62, a fellowship hall, kitchen, and two bathrooms were added. The old church was moved to Clarence, though a part was kept so the church could keep the bell. The facilities were dedicated on April 10, 1988.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 167 south of Winnfield, head west on the Packton Alexandria Rd. Or, from Winnfield head SW on Hwy 34. Hwy 34 and the Packton Alexandria Rd. merge just before Atlanta. The church is on the west side of the road, just south of the high school (which is on the east side of the road). Turn on the loop (Methodist St.) to get to the church.



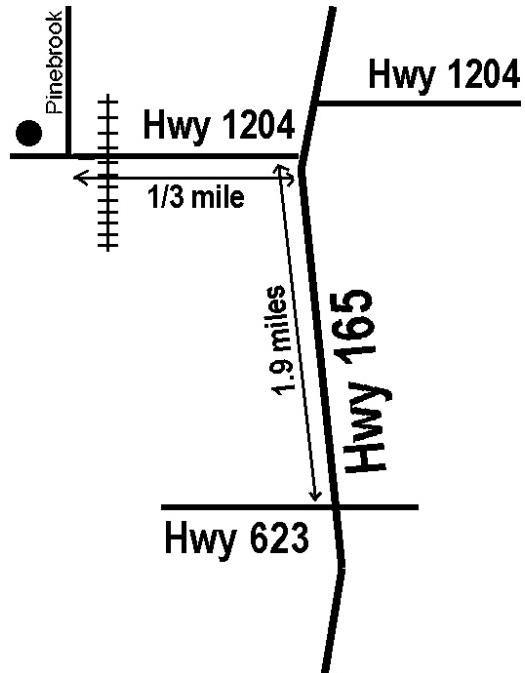
Ball United Methodist Church



City	Ball
Address	Hwy 1204
Membership	39
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 165 out of Pineville to Ball. Go 1.9 miles past the Hwy 623 intersection and take a left (west) on Hwy 1204. The church is 1/3 mile further on the right (just past the tracks).



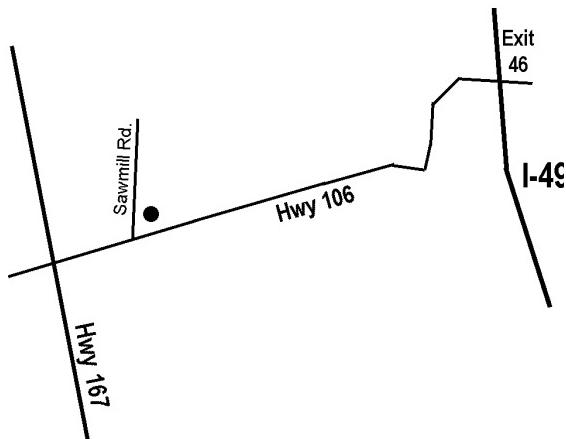
Bayou Chicot United Methodist Church



City	Bayou Chicot
Address	Sawmill Rd.
Membership	24
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take exit 46 from I-49 and head west on St. Landry Hwy (Hwy 106) for 7.3 miles. The church will be on the right.



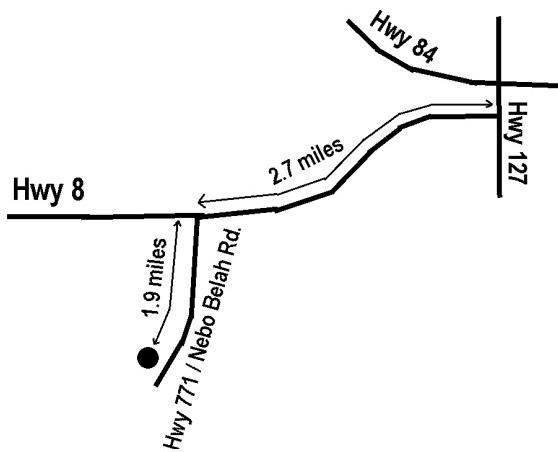
Belah United Methodist Church



City	Belah
Address	Nebo Belah Rd.
Membership	30
Founded	

How to Get There:

From Jena, head west from Hwy 127 on Hwy 8. Head west for 2.7 miles. Turn south (left) onto Nebo Belah Rd. (Hwy 773). The church and cemetery are 1.9 miles down the road on the right.



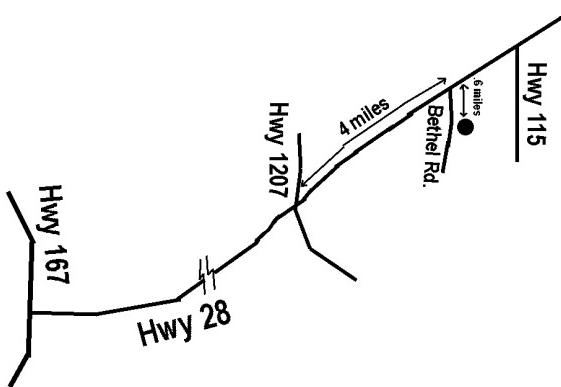
Bethel United Methodist Church



City	Holloway
Address	Bethel Rd.
Membership	65
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head NE out of Pineville on Hwy 28. After you pass Holloway (the Hwy 1207 intersection to the right), go 4 miles to Bethel Rd. Turn right and the church will be 0.6 miles further, on the left.



Beulah United Methodist Church



City	Marthaville
Address	Hwy 487
Membership	55
Founded	1860

Led by Rev. B.F. Alexander, the Beulah congregation was organized on July 29, 1860 (one account says it was July 23). A room was built at the back of some members' homes for the pastor to stay over. Since Beulah was on a circuit, the pastor would ride to town to conduct services.

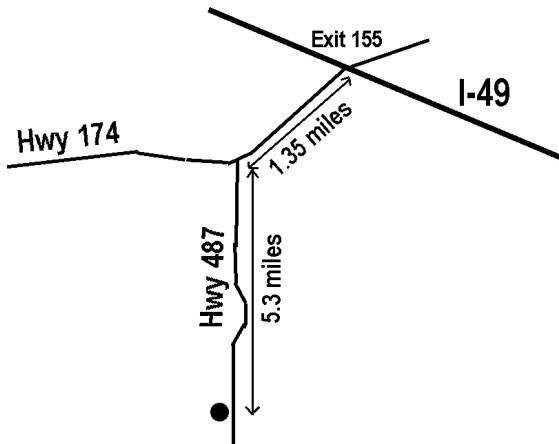
The first church was built on forty acres of land donated by Adam P. Massey on November 30, 1861. Before a separate school was built in the community, classes were held in the church.

A cemetery is located behind the church. The first person buried there was Maaka Massey, the nine year-old daughter of Adam and Emily Massey. During funeral services, the attendees heard a scream coming from the Bolton home about half a mile east of the church. It seems that Elijah and Nancy Bolton's daughter had just passed away. She was buried next to Maaka. A memorial marker was placed at their graves in May of 1988.

In 1924, the church was used for an election. The day after, the church (their second) burned down. A new white church was the third built on the original site, five miles north of Marthaville on Hwy. 487. The lumber was donated by John A. Ingram and built by the community. It is set a few hundred feet from the highway.

How to Get There:

Take exit 155 from I-49 and head west on Hwy 174 for 1.35 miles. Then take Hwy 487 to the left. The church and cemetery are on the right, 5.3 miles ahead.



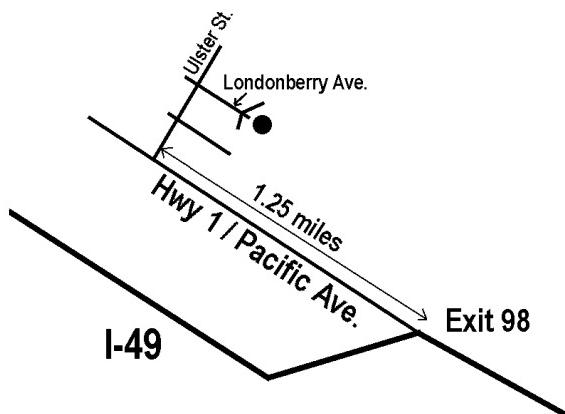
First United Methodist Church - Boyce



City	Boyce
Address	309 Londonberry Ave.
Membership	67
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take exit 98 from I-49. Take Hwy 1 (Pacific Ave.) into town for 1.25 miles. Turn right at the flashing light onto Ulster St. After a quarter mile, turn right on Londonberry Ave. The church is straight ahead.



First United Methodist Church - Campti

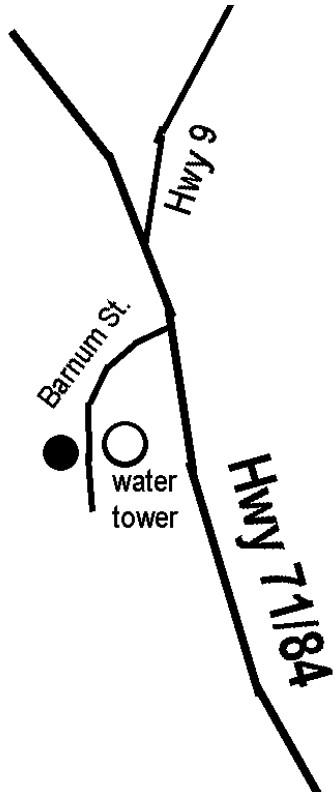


City	Campti
Address	Barnum St.
Membership	17
Founded	

The church, which had closed during World War II, was reactivated by D.S. Dr. Jolly Harper. He later became pastor of the church in 1990.

How to Get There:

Head to Campti on Hwy 71. Turn west on Barnum St. (Hwy 486). The church is on the right after half a mile ... across the street from the water tower.



Cheneyville United Methodist Church



City	Cheneyville
Address	Wadsworth Ave.
Membership	24
Founded	1953

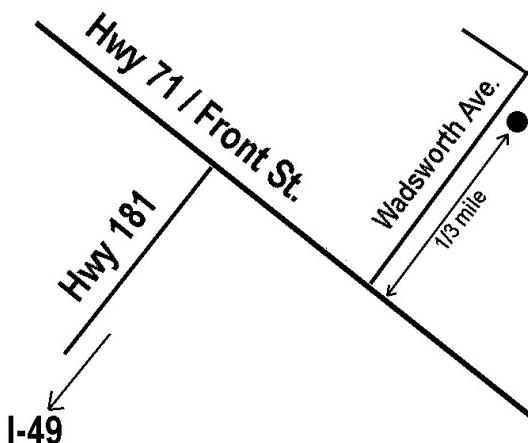
Methodist preaching began in the area as early as the 1820s and 1830s. There is some evidence that a church was built in that time.

In the early 1900s, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South joined with local Masons to construct a two-story building. It was used for Mason meetings (on the 2nd floor) and church services (1st floor). When membership declined in the 1930s, the church closed its doors. Most remaining members joined the Lecompte Methodist Church.

The present Cheneyville UM Church was organized in 1953. Construction of the building began in January 1954, with services beginning shortly thereafter. The building was dedicated the following year on May 29, 1955 as a "Church School Building."

How to Get There:

Take exit 56 from I-49 and head into Cheneyville on Hwy 101. Turn right (south) on Hwy 71 (Front St.). After 6 blocks, turn left on Wadsworth Ave. The church is 1/3 mile ahead. It is on the right side of the street.



Clayton United Methodist Church



City	Clayton
Address	McAdams
Membership	11
Founded	1937

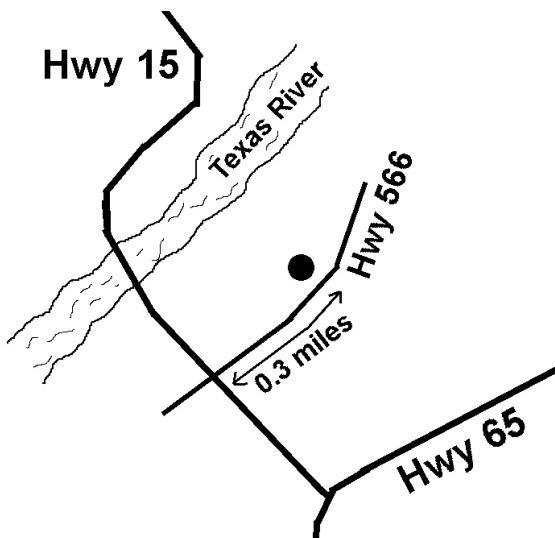
The first recorded member at Clayton joined on May 10, 1937. When the church was founded in 1937, they were sharing a building with the Baptist congregation. They would meet on alternate Sundays. It was a union church until 1954, when the Baptists built their own church.

At that time, the Bruce and Williams families donated land to the church. The Methodists bought out the Baptists' share of the building and moved it to the newly acquired property. This was done under the leadership of Rev. J.J. Davis. The Board of Trustees at that time included Shelly Clayton, Sr., Herman Gibson, St., James E. Hutchinson, Aaron C. Bowman, and Gordon W. Lazarus.

Over the years, the Clayton charge has shared a circuit with Ferriday, Sicily Island, Jonesville, Harrisonburg, and Waterproof.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 15 south out of Monroe. Continue on Hwy 15 (which turns to the left in Sicily Island) to the Clayton community (11.8 miles after the turn). After crossing the river, turn left on Hwy 566 (McAdams). The church is 0.3 miles ahead on the left.



Colfax United Methodist Church



City	Colfax
Address	407 Main St.
Membership	181
Founded	1881



1891-1932

Probably beginning in the 1870s, Methodism began in Colfax. On December 5, 1881, Rev. S.H. Whatley led ten persons in organizing the church. Four additional charter members were soon added.

In 1889, the Conference gave \$250 towards building a church in Colfax. Mr. H.G. Goodwyn sold the church a lot for \$50. They soon raised \$2,021.50 for the new church and organ. Mr. E.C. Kimber of Alexandria was hired to construct the church, and Mr. M. Ferrier built the pews. The one-room church with a tall belfry was constructed in 1890. After its completion on September 13, a dedication service was held on Oct. 12, 1890. Rev. T.B. White was appointed to Colfax that year.

A new brick church was later built. It was dedicated on June 21, 1932. Seating in the new church was "opera chairs" instead of the benches of the old church.

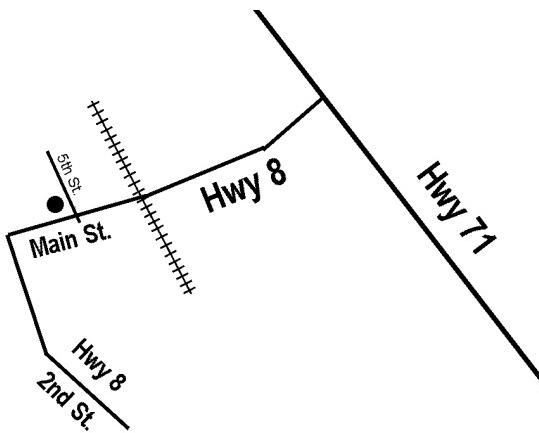
In 1960, the church and parsonage were in need of remodeling. The church planned for \$2,000 of work on the parsonage and \$7,000 of work on the church.

Around 1970, an education and recreation building was constructed.

Source: Colfax: 100 Years of Methodism, 1881-1981

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 8 east from Boyce to Colfax for about 10 miles. Hwy 8 (2nd St.) turns right and becomes Main St. The church is on the left on the third block.



College Avenue United Methodist Church



City	Natchitoches
Address	1110 College Ave.
Membership	141
Founded	1952



VBS - 1952

Mrs. Marzette Foster helped to get the church started by visiting people in the area. The first services were held in private homes.

Faith Methodist Church held its first service on June 15, 1952. District Superintendent Jolly B. Harper led the service. Of the 60 people in attendance, 35 were received into membership that day by Rev. John F. Kellogg. The families in this first congregation were: Bowell, Boyt, Coleman, Corley, Foster, Fuller, Grappe, Groves, Holt, Ingram, Kellogg, Spann, Westbrook, Wheat, and Whitford. The next month, they held their first Vacation Bible School

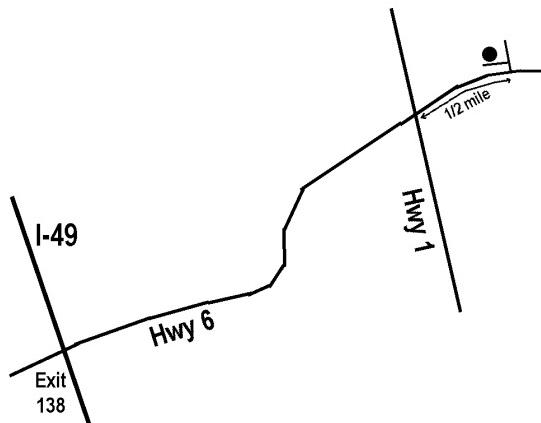
An education building, with classrooms and a kitchen, was built in 1954. A brick sanctuary was soon constructed and the first service in the new church was held on November 13, 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Corley donated land to the church and a parsonage was built. The first occupant of the new parsonage was Rev. Durand and his family.

In late 1960, the name of the church changed from Faith to College Avenue. Although the church was on a circuit for most of its history, in 1992 they were placed on a charge of their own.

How to Get There:

Take exit 138 from I-49 and head into town on Hwy 6. Almost 4 miles from the interstate (0.5 miles past the Hwy 1 intersection), take a left and the church will be on the left.



Couley United Methodist Church



City	Couley
Address	Hwy 84
Membership	41
Founded	1908

The first Methodist services were probably held in the 1850s. What started as the Union Grove Society (which included Methodists and Baptists) evolved into the Shady Grove (or Bretts) Church in the 1880s. The church burned down around 1908.

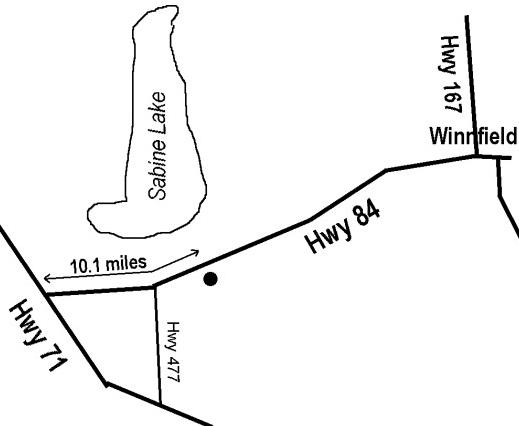
The membership moved to the Henry Little Church in 1908, which is still in use today. It was constructed by brothers George and Gus Brunson, who also built the Couley schoolhouses. The church was given four acres of land by the Bobcaw Lumber Company to use for the church and cemetery. Cypress wood was donated by Mr. Cavitte Cookston from Winnfield. Fred Lovell cut the wood for free at his sawmill. Money was collected (\$50) to buy nails, windows, and three doors. The labor was donated by local citizens. Some of the families in those early days included Little, Shaw, Bice, Brett, and Keiffer.

In the 1950s, a tin roof was put on the church. Additional work on the church over the years includes the addition of a kitchen, two Sunday School rooms, and a fellowship hall. Also, air conditioners were added, the ceiling lowered, and new paneling and flooring was installed.

In 1988, a quit claim deed was given to the Couley Double Church and cemetery. Homecoming is held each year on the fourth Sunday in September.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 71 to Clarence. Turn east on Hwy 84 and go 10.1 miles down the road. The church and cemetery will be on the right. Or head SW on Hwy 84 from Winnfield.



David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Bunkie
Address	208 W. Church St.
Membership	132
Founded	1888



1888-1915

On March 16, 1888, Col. Alexander M. Haas and Capt. Samuel Haas sold land to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South for \$50. The church was organized on April 1, 1888. Their first pastor, Rev. S.H. Whatley, had been appointed that January. The first church was built that same year.

An education building was constructed in 1941 under the leadership of Rev. R.M. Bentley. Most of the labor used in its construction was volunteered. While Dr. W.L. Doss served as pastor, the old church was torn down and a new one built.

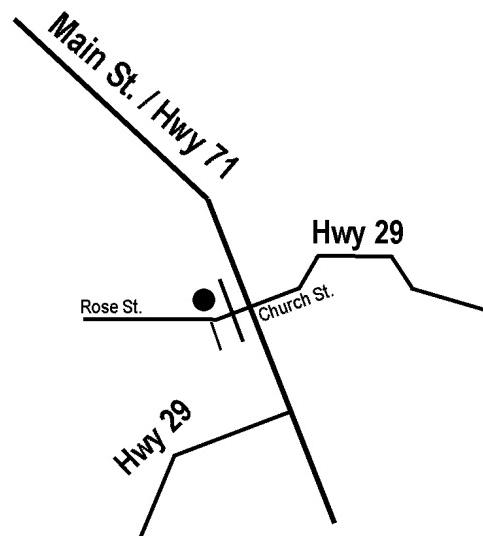
Funds for building the new sanctuary in 1951-52 came from Col. and Mrs. W.D. Haas, Jr. in memory of their son who had been killed in a plane accident. The church was renamed the William David Haas III Memorial Methodist Church. It has a pipe organ and stained glass windows. The windows depict various symbols from Christ's life. The parsonage was built at the same time (1952).

In 1957, Rev. J.J. Caraway was pastor when the church bought land at the side of the parsonage. Funds to buy the land came from the sale of a home next to the church (that was deeded to the church by Misses Sally and Mayme Audebert) and money willed to the church by Col. Franklin T. Mikell.

In 1958, an educational wing was constructed. The parsonage was remodeled to add a large family room. Rev. Don Hall was pastor when the parsonage was dedicated in 1971 to the memory of Col. and Mrs. Franklin T. Mikell. The parsonage was expanded in 1984.

How to Get There:

In Bunkie, turn onto W. Church St. (E. Church St. is Hwy 29/115). The church is on the second block on the right.



Eden United Methodist Church



City	Eden
Address	Hwy 8
Membership	7
Founded	Early 1800s

The church was probably started in a private home when early ministers such as Bowman and Lasley preached in the area in 1806-07. Lasley mentions setting up an appointment at the Wiggins home. Church tradition states that William Whatley (who had moved to the area several years before and had married Wiggins' daughter) was appointed as leader of the society. It also states that his son Uriah (1802-1864) was later licensed to preach and served as the first pastor after a log church was built. The church was made of logs with a clapboard roof and an oak "punching" floor. It was located on Haw Branch. Uriah Whatley was appointed to Haw Creek at the first Louisiana Annual Conference in 1847.

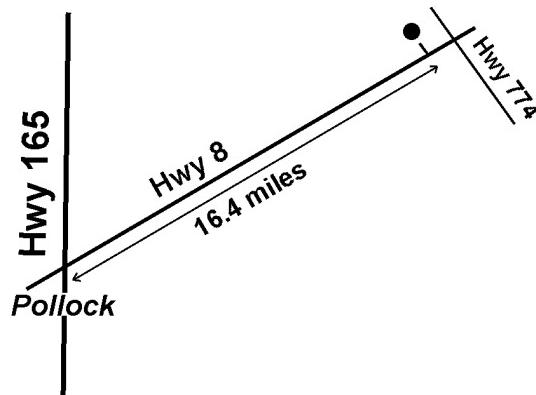
The congregation decided to relocate to be closer to the Harrisonburg-Alexandria road and built another church along Bay Branch. That church burned down (and the branch is now known as Burnt Meeting House Branch). Another church, called the Aunt Ruth Riley Meeting House, was built along Raleigh's Branch. The church relocated one last time in 1850, when a new church was built a mile away.

In 1891, the Whatleys gave the church land on which to build a church. Since some records say that the church burned down in the 1890s, that may be the reason for the land donation and new church building. A new church was built. Though it has been remodeled over the years, that structure is still in use today.

The cemetery is located behind the church.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 165 north out of Pineville. At Pollock, turn right (east) onto Hwy 8. After 16.4 miles, the church is to the left (set back off the road).



Emmanuel United Methodist Church



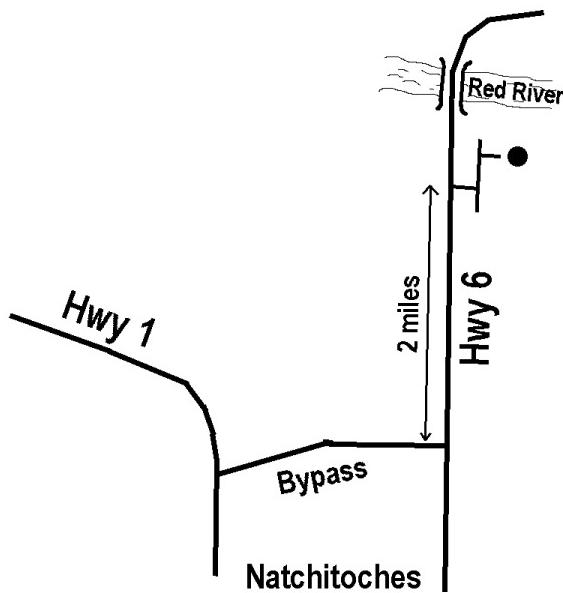
City	Grand Encore Bluff
Address	Old Hwy 6
Membership	25
Founded	1900

In 1900, Rev. T.A. Hampton led residents of the Grand Ecore community in organizing a new congregation. Those first services were held under a brush arbor along the banks of the Red River. A church was later built under the leadership of Rev. Gable Gosten. It was later remodeled in 1911. The cornerstone is dated September 24, 1911. The current church was dedicated on November 28, 1920 under Rev. G.G. Golston. It is located just to the south of the Red River.

An elementary school was started at the church in 1938. While holding class in the sanctuary, a two classroom building next to the church was constructed in 1940. The church was remodeled under Rev. Alex Johnson. The work included new pews, a kitchen, and a bathroom. The kitchen and bathroom were renovated in 1999 and a new central A/C unit was added.

How to Get There:

From the point where the bypass road joins Hwy 6 from the west, go 2 miles. Turn right (the street is not far before you get to the bridge) and then turn left. The church is on the right.



Evergreen United Methodist Church



City	Evergreen
Address	Hill St.
Membership	28
Founded	1839

In 1839, five Methodists established a Methodist Society in the area. Meetings were held in a cabin across the road from "The Gill Place." Those five persons included Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Kay, Mr. R.L. Taliaferro, and Mrs. S.M. Perkins. Circuit riders passing through the area would hold services for them until 1872. It is said that most of those early circuit riders came to them from Mississippi.

In 1844, thirty new members were added to the roll. Another thirty were added in 1846. The next increase was seven members added by Rev. F. White in 1856. During and after the Civil War, church services ceased and the building was used as a school. Services began in 1868 under the leadership of Rev. J.S. Davis and Rev. F. White.

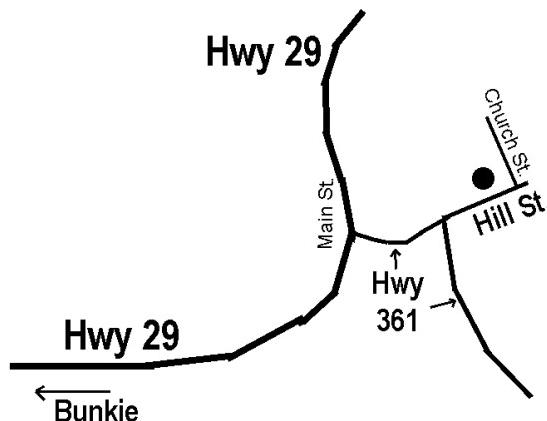
John Dunwoody had willed the church four acres of land in 1851. In 1872, a new and larger church was built there (the current site of the church). Rev. C. Keener became the pastor.

One of the outstanding laypersons from the church was C.C. Weir, who started the Methodist Children's Home in Bunkie in 1906.

In 1949, a recreation hall and three classrooms were built. The hall (Campbell Hall) was named after Mr. S.L. Campbell, Sr. Another building was constructed in 1959 under the leadership of Rev. George Sherman, Jr.

How to Get There:

Head east on Hwy 29 from Bunkie. In Evergreen, turn right on Hwy 361. After 1/3 mile further, Hwy 361 turns to the right. Keep going straight on Hill St. and the church is on the left.



Fellowship United Methodist Church



City	Hineston
Address	7426 Hwy. 112
Membership	91
Founded	1872



Original church

The first services in the area were held under a brush arbor. Each summer they would hold a week or two-week long camp meeting. Services were held twice a day.

As the membership grew, a church was built on Ms. Margret MacIntosh's property. Local trees were cut down and the church built by the members. Square nails and stained glass were purchased to complete the two-story sanctuary. Years later, in March 1872, Ms. MacIntosh formally deeded the property to the Fellowship Church. The church sat in the center of the property. Rev. Frederick White was assigned to the circuit in that year.

When the Masonic Lodge was organized in 1872, it began meeting on the second floor of the church. In 1948, the front of the church was remodeled to allow Lodge members to go to the upper floor without disturbing church services. Other improvements at that time included a new alter, carpeting, new siding, ceiling fans, and painting the church.

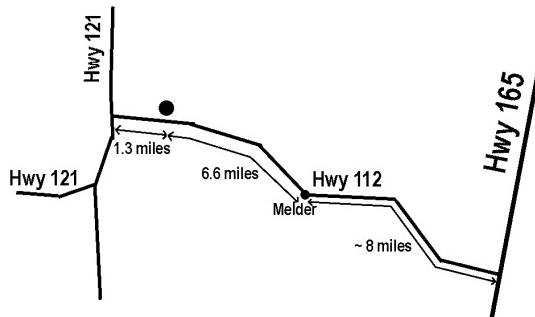
After Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Terry donated a building to the church in 1959, it was added to the back of the church for classrooms and a fellowship hall.

On May 21, 1972, the church celebrated its 100th anniversary under the leadership of Rev. W.D. Steagall. At a later date, the Jim Price family donated a stained glass window to the church.

After lightning struck the church one Sunday afternoon (August 13, 1978), the church burned down. A new church was built in 1979 and consecrated on February 10, 1980.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 165 from Alexandria. Turn right (west) on Hwy 112. After about 8 miles, you go keep to the left and go past the Baptist Church in Melder. The church and cemetery are on the right (north) side of the road after 6.6 miles (1.3 miles east of Hwy 121).



Glenmora United Methodist Church



City	Glenmora
Address	617 9 th St.
Membership	87
Founded	1894

The church was organized by 27 members on March 18, 1894 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They got a deed from the Glenmora Town Site Company. The church was to be less than \$1000 in value and no less than 30'x50' in size. It was built larger than required. It was of the Victorian style with gingerbread trim.

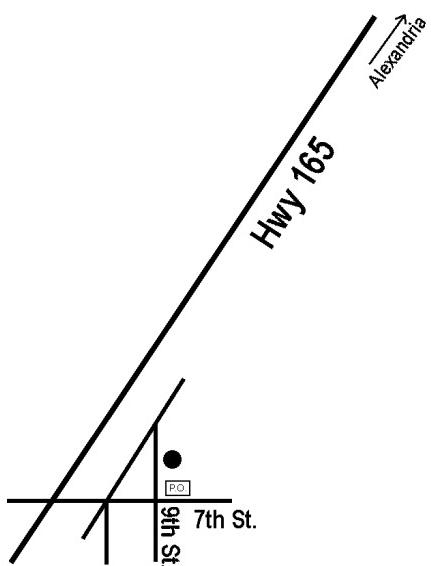
Sunday School classes were organized in 1895 by Mrs. Hannah Phillips as superintendent. She held the position until about 1910. A pulpit was purchased in the early 1900s, and a bell was added in 1913. A parsonage was added in 1917.

With the increase of people in the area due to sawmill production, the membership of the church increased so that a larger building was needed. In 1922, a new church was constructed. Including the balcony, it could seat 1,500 people. The balcony was closed in later years.

The third and present church was built in 1971. The congregation moved into the new building at the beginning of January 1972.

How to Get There:

Head to Glenmora on Hwy 165 south out of Alexandria. In town, turn left at the light onto 7th St. (Hwy 113). Then turn left on 9th St. at the post office. The church is on the right.



Harrisonburg United Methodist Church



City	Harrisonburg
Address	Pine
Membership	15
Founded	1853

In 1833, Rev. Jonas Westerland was appointed to Harrisonburg. In those early days circuit riders preached under brush arbors and in homes. The current Harrisonburg church was built in 1853 or 1854. The land on which it stands was donated to the church on October 5, 1858 by Joseph Sargent. It faced Pine (or Church) Street.

For many years, the second story of the church was used for the Harrisonburg Masonic Lodge. The structure was also used as a school.

By 1895, the membership had increased to 184.

Land was purchased on July 5, 1907 from the Holloman heirs. A parsonage was built on the site, which was across the street from the current church's location.

After sharing a minister for three decades (since 1926), Rev. F.P. Corie moved into the parsonage in 1957. Rev. Corie led the church in renovating the church and parsonage. Sunday School rooms were added to the back of the church.

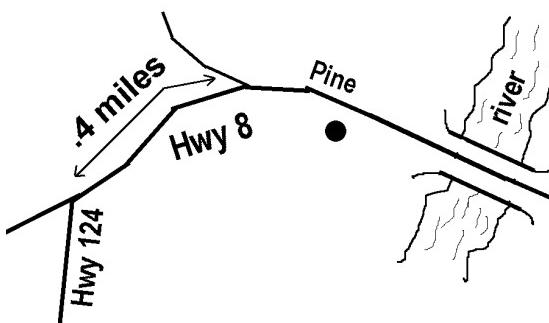
In 1972, renovations to the church included refinishing the sanctuary floor and pews and adding carpeting to the pulpit area and aisle. A new organ and furnishings were added the following year.

The old church still stands to this day. Cannonball holes can be found in its walls. Old square-headed nails still hold it together. And the original church bell still chimes.

Source: The History of Methodism in Harrisonburg, Louisiana, Gene Smith Boyd

How to Get There:

Head into Harrisonburg on Hwy 8 from Jena. A mile past the Hwy 124 south intersection, Hwy 124 north intersects with Hwy 8 (Brushley St.). Continue east on Hwy 8 (Pine) and the church is just to your right past that intersection (just before the bridge).



Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church



City	Alexandria
Address	1600 Horseshoe Dr.
Membership	409
Founded	1956

On May 21, 1956, members of the First Methodist Church began surveying local residents about starting a new Methodist Church in southwest Alexandria. The new church was organized with 30 members on June 17, 1956. By the end of the year, the new congregation had 96 members. The name for the church (Horseshoe Drive) was adopted on March 10, 1957.

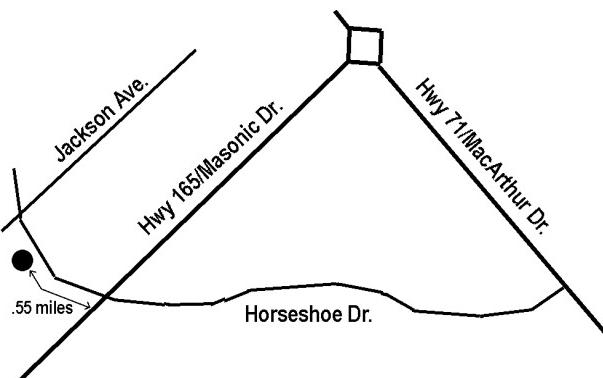
The first buildings were constructed in 1957/58. A new education building was constructed ten years later (February 1967). A renovation of the sanctuary was also done in 1967.

The original (but renovated) sanctuary became the chapel when the present sanctuary was constructed in 1978/79. The current sanctuary has a seating capacity of 486. Among the fixtures (given by donation) are four faceted windows and a pipe organ. Bishop Kenneth Shamblin held the consecration service on March 18, 1979.

Renovation of the sanctuary was expected to be completed in 2004.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 71/167 (a couple of blocks before Hwy 167 turns to the right) on the south side of Alexandria, take Horseshoe Drive (Hwy 488) to the west. The church is on the left, about 0.55 miles past the Hwy 165 intersection. Jackson Ave. is about a quarter mile further down the road.



Jonesville United Methodist Church



City	Jonesville
Address	Short St.
Membership	114
Founded	1848

The first services in the Trinity area (so named because three rivers joined there) were probably held by circuit riders in the early 1800s. By 1839, Rev. George Turnley was appointed to the Trinity circuit.

The first church was built by Mr. Stout and Mr. Lehman in 1848. It was a white, one-story, 30'x50' wooden building on Graveyard Square, facing Black River. It had a belfry, a pump organ, and a wood stove. Contributions came from local residents. Ishmael Horrace was the church caretaker for many years.

The first full-time minister at Jonesville was Rev. Sam S. Holladay. He was the last preacher at the original church. The second wooden church was built in 1929-30. It was T-shaped (with the classrooms to the rear) and faced the Indian Mound.

After much debate, the first parsonage was sold in the late 1950s, and a second parsonage was built on property donated by John and Lillie Muril Lanier.

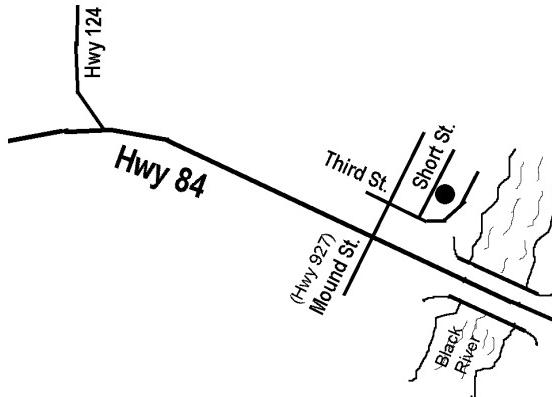
After hurricane Lillie tore off the roof in 2002, funds were raised and it was repaired under the leadership of Rev. David C. Carlton.

The church ministries include an annual "Churchfest" and scouting.

The current brick church, facing Second Street, was built in stage atop the remains of the Indian Mound.

How to Get There:

Go to Jonesville on Hwy 84. The cross street just to the west of the bridge is Mound St. Turn north on Mound St. (Hwy 927) and then turn right on Third St. Turn left on the next street (Short St.) and the church will be on your right.



Justiss Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Trout
Address	Hwy 84
Membership	56
Founded	1907

Around 1905, Methodists and Baptists began holding services under a brush arbor. The Trout Methodist Church was organized the following year under the leadership of Rev. L.L. Roberts. Rev. Roberts was succeeded by Rev. Paul M. Brown, who led the congregation in acquiring property and building a white frame church in 1906-07. It faced west on Summerville Road. The church, with a high pointed room and a bell tower, was surrounded by a white picket fence with a 'welcome' sign on it. The church was dedicated on April 28, 1907, with Rev. W.F. McMurray of Louisville, KY giving the message.

About 1920, a two-story education building was constructed on the side of the sanctuary. The first floor consisted of a large recreation room. Classrooms filled the second floor.

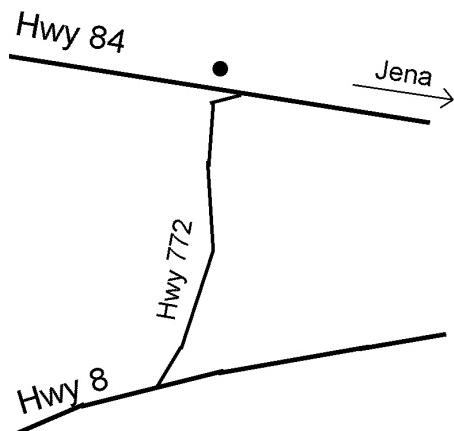
In 1936, a tornado destroyed the church spire, which was never rebuilt. The second floor of the education building was destroyed. A roof was placed over the exposed first floor.

When the Trout Creek Lumber Company sold their business, many in the community left.

As the years took their toll on the old church, it was decided to build a new one. Rev. E.W. Sandel led the efforts in 1964. Wood from the Good Pine Methodist Church (disbanded in 1944) was used in the new church. The fellowship hall and classrooms utilized paneling from Good Pine. The pulpit (which originally came from a New Orleans church) and three chancel chairs from the 1907 church were installed in the new church. Services began in the new church shortly after December 15, 1964. It was dedicated on May 17, 1970. It was renamed the Eddy Justiss Memorial United Methodist Church after a 14 year-old member that had died of a baseball accident in 1963.

How to Get There:

From Jena, head west from on Hwy 84 to Trout. The church is located just to the west of the post office and the intersection with Hwy 772 heads south.



Lahey Chapel United Methodist Church



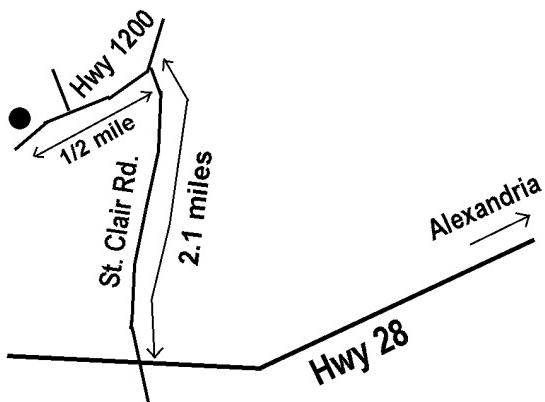
City	Gardner
Address	Hwy. 1200
Membership	31
Founded	1938

Lahey Chapel had its beginnings on Dec. 6, 1936, when a group from the Wilda community met at a house belonging to Lynn Sweat. Rev. Charles Lahey would lead the meetings in private homes until 1938, when local men constructed a church building. Most of the supplies were donated by people in the area. The first service was held in the new church in July 1938. The first member listed on the roll is Rosa Morse (August 1938).

Though many of the young people grew up and moved away, the congregation still remains active. Attendance increases at special times, such as homecomings on Easter Sundays and at Christmas time.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 28 west out of Alexandria. Almost 2 miles past the caution light at the Hwy 121 intersection, turn right on St. Clair Rd. (at the 2nd caution light). After 2.1 miles, turn left on Hwy 1200. After half a mile ... just past Cotile Rd. ... the church will be on the right.



Lecompte United Methodist Church



City	Lecompte
Address	1504 Weems St.
Membership	110
Founded	1884

The church began when a small group of people (probably led by Daniel and Esther Brewer) began to meet at a house on Railroad Avenue. A group of 41 people were formally received into the church on November 30, 1884 by Rev. Fred White. The first pastor placed in charge of the new congregation was Rev. James M. Beard in January 1885. The first church was built on Water Street (old Jefferson Highway) on land given to the church by Martha (Pattie) Carnal Clark. Although that church burned down on the morning of January 9, 1927 just before Sunday School, the furnishings and most of the records were saved. The congregation then met in the Episcopal Church and in a brick building at the corner of Hardy and Wall Streets.

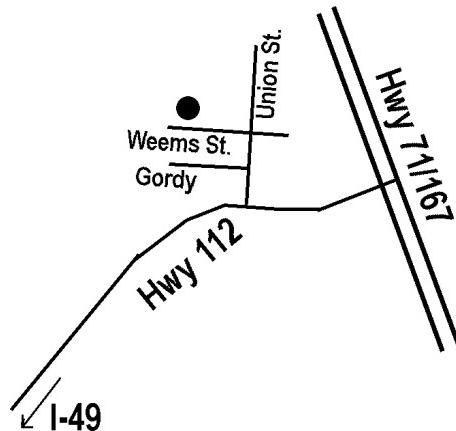
After the Old Coliseum High School was torn down, the congregation purchased land from the school board. The second church building was constructed under the leadership of Rev. George D. Purcell. It was dedicated on April 15, 1931 in a service led by Rev. Charles D. Atkinson and Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs.

Construction began on the third (and present) church in 1963 at the same location. A sanctuary and a fellowship hall were built under the leadership of Rev. W.C. Barham. The education building was completed by September 15, 1963 at a cost of \$21,650. Services were held in the education building while the old church was torn down and the new church built. The first service in the new sanctuary was held on December 20, 1964. The debt on both buildings was paid off by March 1968. The dedication service on March 10 was led by Rev. Robert I. Galatas and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton.

In the early 1990s, stained glass windows and door sidelights were installed. In August 1997, Bolton Carpenter donated a new organ and air conditioner to the church. The following year saw new carpeting and pew coverings installed.

How to Get There:

Take exit 66 from I-49 and head into LeCompte on Hwy 112 (Water St.). Take a left (2.5 miles east of I-49) onto Union St. After two blocks, turn left on Weems St. The church is on the right.



Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Williana
Address	Liberty Chapel Road.
Membership	35
Founded	1850

Liberty Chapel was organized in 1849-1850. The first church, built of logs in 1850, was located near the cemetery fence across the road from the present church site. When a smallpox epidemic hit a company of soldiers camped on the Military Highway four miles from the church, twelve of them died and were buried near the center of the church cemetery.

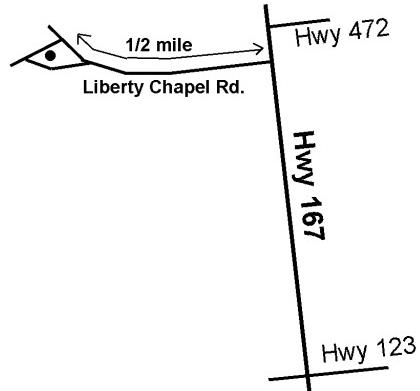
A wood frame church was built in 1881, and was followed by a third church building in 1888. The 1888 church also served as a schoolhouse. In the 1890s, Matthew Nugent rode throughout the area collecting money. With the \$50 he raised, 40 acres of land were purchased at public auction on May 26, 1894 in Colfax (Conveyance Book H, p. 97). Soon after, 40 acres of land nearby was purchased. The church and cemetery occupy this land.

The present church building was constructed in 1910. When the local school burned down, it was used as the schoolhouse for a while. The bell in front of the church was originally located at the Winnfield church. It was moved to the Dry Prong Methodist Church, but ended up at Liberty when the Dry Prong church was torn down.

Additional space was added to the back of the church building in 1959-1960. A recreation building was constructed in 1997.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 167 from Alexandria. After the flashing light in Dry Prong, do 6 more miles and turn left on Liberty Chapel Rd. in Williana. After half a mile, you'll see the church and cemetery on the left.



Many United Methodist Church



City	Many
Address	1020 Main
Membership	263
Founded	1840s

The first mention of a Methodist church at Many is an October 26, 1846 police jury resolution that the Methodist Church be used as a District Court. The following year, the town transferred two lots for \$20. The land was for a two-story building. The upper floor was to be for the Hamill Masonic Lodge, and the Methodist church was to be used by the Methodist church. Two years later, on August 30, 1849, the town sold the building to the Lodge and the Church for \$20. On March 4, 1877, the Methodist Church sold their interest in the property to A.H. Hogue for \$15. From that time until December 8, 1883, the Methodists worshipped with the Baptist congregation at their church on San Antonio Avenue.

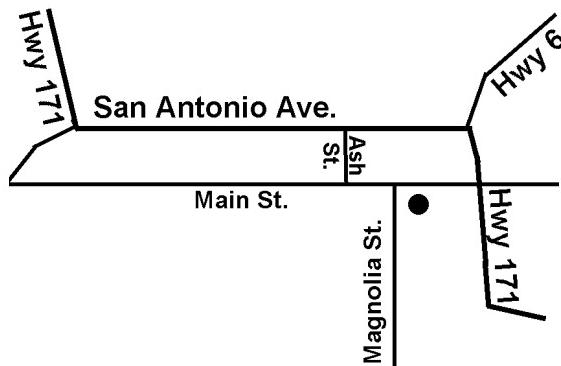
On December 8, 1883, the Methodists bought the church and property for \$150 when the Baptist congregation moved to the Jerusalem Church.

Ten years later, the Methodists sold the land for \$75 to Edward C. Dillon and moved the church building to a new location. They purchased property on Main Street from Florine Giaque on June 21, 1894. The white frame church was moved to the new location.

The church was torn down and a new red brick church constructed in 1930. An education building was added in 1959. The 1930 church was torn down in 1969 when the current church was built. A large cross and flame can be seen from Hwy 171 (one block north of the church). That same year, property next to the church was purchased from Mrs. Louis Vines. The property was used for parking and recreation.

How to Get There:

Upon approaching Many from the south on Hwy 171, the road makes a hard right turn. After that turn, go 3 blocks and turn left on Main St. The church is on the left. If approaching from the north, Hwy 171 makes a hard left turn and then a hard right turn. After the right turn, take the first right (Main St.). The church is on the left.



Marksville United Methodist Church



City	Marksville
Address	413 DeBellvue
Membership	52
Founded	1897

The church was organized in 1897 with seven charter members. Evariste J. Joffrion donated land on church to build the first wooden church. Five of the seven charter members were from the Joffrion family. The pastor, Rev. W.L. Woodward, also served as minister for the Presbyterian congregation.

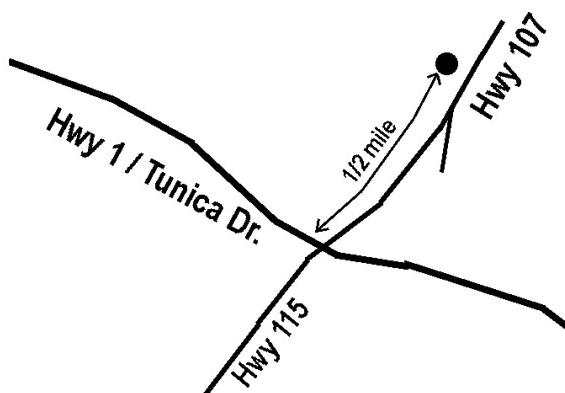
The first parsonage on North Main St. was acquired in 1927 while Rev. White served as pastor. In the late 1940s, that home was sold and the Bijou Lafargue home next door to the church was purchased for use as a parsonage. In 1979, the current parsonage on Debelleve St. was purchased. The Lafargue house was taken down in 1982 and the space used as a parking lot. The parsonage was renovated in 1994.

An education building was constructed in 1952. In June 1957, hurricane Audrey damages the church and it had to be taken down. A new \$24,000 brick church was constructed in 1958 under the leadership of Rev. Carl Lipe. The front wall of the new structure contained a circular stained glass depiction of Jesus at Gethsemane.

In 1985, an education building was constructed behind the church. The debt was paid off on June 26, 1994 under the leadership of Rev. Marvin Pratt. Over the years, Mrs. Betty Garrot led the ladies of the church in holding rummage sales to help pay off debts.

How to Get There:

In Marksville, turn off of Hwy 1 (Tunica Dr.) onto Main St. (Hwy 107 N). The church is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further on the left.



Montgomery United Methodist Church

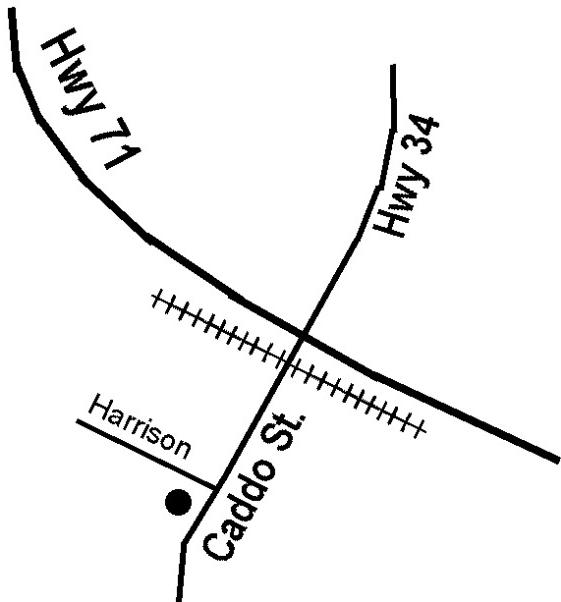


City	Montgomery
Address	Harrison Dr.
Membership	30
Founded	1903

The first church was built in 1903. It was replaced by the current edifice, built in 1957. The pastor in 1957 was Rev. J.C. Skinner. Melvin Hall was the chairman of the church board at that time. The building committee consisted of John Nelms, J.H. Hughes, E.C. Erwin, Melvin Hall, and T.L. Dean.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 71 to Montgomery. In town, turn SW onto Caddo St. and cross the RR tracks. The church is on the right, 5 blocks ahead.



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church



City	Clarence
Address	Just off Hwy 71/84
Membership	10
Founded	1885

The church began sometime in the 1800s with Miss Harriet Harvey, Irene Chapman, Mary Lou Freeman, Emma Jones, and Kate Ruiers. Services began under a cotton gin shed, led by Rev. George Washington. Services later moved to Grand Ecore, on the west side of the Red River. A small church was built on land donated by Joe Herny, Sr.

People on the east side of the river wanted their own church, since crossing the river was not an easy task in those days. Five young ladies raised money to buy the land. The cornerstone of the church dates its organization to 1885.

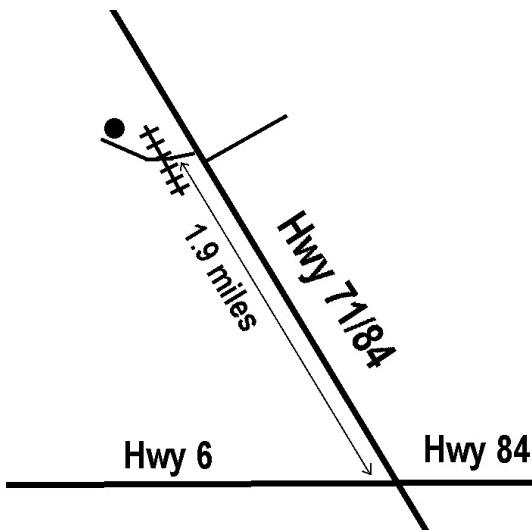
The congregation purchased land from the DeBluix family and built the second church building under the leadership of Rev. G.W. Shelly in 1891.

On February 11, 1925, the church and parsonage were destroyed in a fire. All church records up to that time were destroyed.

The current church was completed in June 1959 under the leadership of Rev. E.P. Riley.

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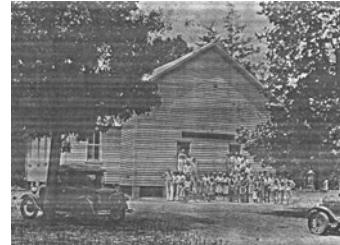
The road (Hwy 419) to the church is 1.9 miles north of the Hwy 6/84 intersection with Hwy 71 at Clarence. Take the road west, cross the tracks, and the church on your right down the dirt road.



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church



City	Montgomery
Address	Hwy 34
Membership	38
Founded	1856



The first settlers found their way to the area in 1840. They were joined in 1845 by a group of settlers from Alabama led by Rev. James Isaac Hicks. Rev. Hicks led residents in the organization of the Mt. Zion Church in 1856.

Celestine LaFleur donated an acre of land, logs, and flooring to build a church. Mr. Watson donated four acres for the church and a cemetery. In later years, T.T. Shumate and Thomas Quinalty have given land to the church.

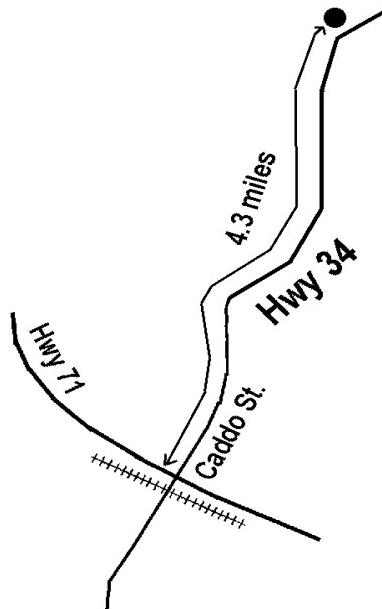
The first services were held under the trees. After Anthony Shaw and his son John cleared the area of trees, the congregation pitched in to help build the church. Their first service in the new building was held in August 1858. Classrooms were later added onto the side of the structure.

In 1891, the church sponsored construction of the Mt. Zion College. It was a prominent education institution in the area at that time.

The wood structure was later replaced with the present brick sanctuary in 1956.

How to Get There:

Head to Montgomery on Hwy 71. Turn NE on Caddo St. (Hwy 34) at the flashing light. The church is on the left 4.3 miles down the road (Hwy 34).



First United Methodist Church - Natchitoches



City	Natchitoches
Address	411 Second St.
Membership	1105
Founded	

Preaching in the Natchitoches area dates back to the early 1800s. One of the first circuit riders in the area was Rev. William Stephenson who organized the Natchitoches circuit in 1826. It was sometimes called the Cane River circuit.

When John Burke was appointed to the Natchitoches Mission in 1841, he was holding services on Sunday morning and evening at the courthouse. They soon combined resources with the Episcopal Church, which had a church but no pastor. The first service there was led by Rev. J.W. White with two members present ... Mrs. T. Haller and Etheldred Smith.

Although pastors were appointed from the 1840s through 1866, none were assigned from 1867 to 1874. After Rev. James White was appointed for 1875, the church was incorporated (1876). A white frame church was built under the leadership of Rev. T.J. Hough in 1876-78 on the corner of Lafayette and Second Streets. It was paid for (\$100 for the lot and \$2000 for the building) by 1880. Thomas Porter was the board chairman, serving in that position for 49 years. A parsonage was built on Pavie Street in 1899.

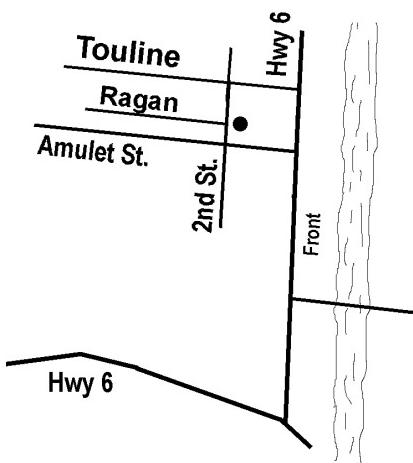
The church relocated in 1909 when a lot was purchased on Second Street. The Spanish stucco church cost \$8,000 and was completed by 1912.

A new sanctuary was built on the property in 1952-53 under the leadership of Rev. Benedict Galloway. When that church burned down in 1962, it was rebuilt the following year under Rev. George Pearce.

A new parsonage was built in 1969 while Rev. Jolly B. Harper was in charge. After additional property was purchased, a Family Life Center was built in 1984.

How to Get There:

In downtown Natchitoches on Jefferson/Front St., turn west on Amulet. Then turn right on 2nd St. The church is on the right.



Newman United Methodist Church



City	Alexandria
Address	5700 Oran St.
Membership	339
Founded	1865



1967

The church traces its roots back to 1865 when Methodist missionaries organized the first black Methodist church in Alexandria. St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, as it was called then, was led by Rev. Samuel Small. The first wood-framed church building was constructed on the corner of Seventh and Murray Streets.

In 1902, a new brick church was built under the leadership of Rev. Peter W. Clark. The name was changed at that time to Newman Memorial in honor of Bishop J.P. Newman. The church grew, but was surrounded by other businesses so new space was needed.

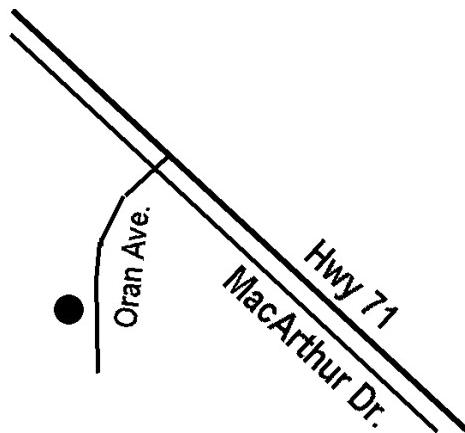
Rev. W.T. Handy led the drive to relocate in the 1950s. The new \$120,000 church was finished by 1955. The congregation had paid off the debt by 1963 under Rev. Samuel W. Walker's leadership.

With the construction of I-49, a move needed to be made in 1989. While working on the new facilities, the congregation met at the Chapel of the Winnfield Funeral Home. The year 1992 saw the completion of the new religious complex.

Newman is proud to have produced four ministers: James A. Williams, Patrick Perry, Abraham Davis, and Bertrand Griffin.

How to Get There:

On the south side of Alexandria, get on the service road that runs to the SW of Hwy 71. Turn SW onto Oran Drive. The church is on the right side after about 0.2 miles around a curve to the left.



Nolley Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Jena
Address	Oak (Hwy 84)
Membership	400
Founded	1878



Jena M.E. Church

The church began as Hemphill (Hemp's) Creek Methodist Episcopal Church. The earliest meetings were held in private homes. The church was known as the Jena Methodist Episcopal Church by 1870. The first church was built of logs in 1878 on the east bank of Hemphill Creek in Old Jena. The parsonage was built across the road. The earliest extant records date back to 1882.

In 1895, a new church was built on higher ground to avoid flooding. Dr. B.L. Thompson donated a lot north of the main road at the fork of the Nebo Road. In 1903, the church renamed itself the Richmond Nolley Methodist Church (now Nolley Memorial). Richmond Nolley was an early Methodist circuit rider that died near Jena.

In 1897 a new church was erected on higher ground to prevent flooding (that had occurred in 1895). It was built in the middle of town on ground donated by Dr. B. L. Thompson, father of Mrs. Louise Cobb. This location was on a lot just north of the main road at the fork of the Nebo Road.

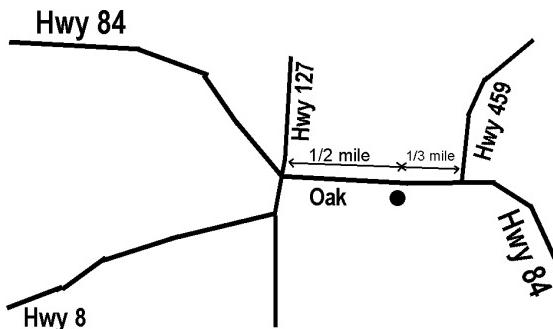
With increased membership, the church obtained additional property. In 1910, land was acquired from F.M. Renfro. Additional land was acquired later from J.A. Buchanan and the L&A Railroad. Five acres were purchased from the Carey family much later (1975). A new church was built in 1911 (located near the present parking lot) and the cemetery was begun. Dr. B.L. Thompson's land was returned to him and he purchased the old church structure. The current building, with a sanctuary and classrooms, was constructed in 1949.

In 1952, the remains of Richmond Nolley were relocated to the church grounds. His gravesite was designated with a Historical Site marker in 1976.

In 1986, with money given in memory of Mr. Palmer, a new fellowship hall and renovations to the old building were completed.

How to Get There:

Head into Jena on Hwy 84. The church is located on the south side of the highway (Oak). It is 1/3 mile to the west of the Hwy 459 turnoff and 1/2 mile east of the Hwy 127/8 intersection.



Oak Grove United Methodist Church



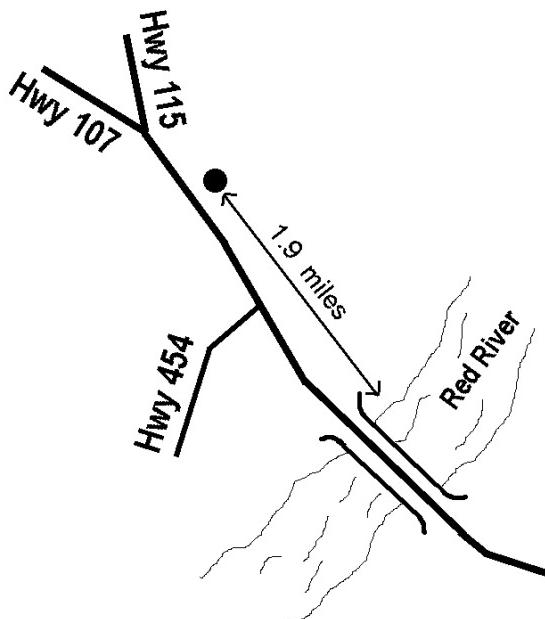
City	Effie
Address	Hwy 107
Membership	61
Founded	1859

On August 23, 1859, Zenon and Lousinda Aymond sold four acres of land to the Oak Grove Methodist Church for \$5. The description of the land, at the southwest corner of the Hugh Bailey tract, mentioned that a meeting house was already located on the property.

A tree later fell on that original church and it was rebuilt. An old story says that about 1885 a drunk spent the night on some cottonseed stored in the church and accidentally set it afire. The third church was torn down in 1914 or 1915. While the first three churches were built within the boundaries of the cemetery, they decided to build the fourth one outside in 1915. In spring 1939, the fourth church was destroyed by a tornado, though the piano survived. The current church was built in 1968.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 107 north out of Marksville. After passing the Red River, the church is 1.9 miles ahead on the right. It's 0.65 mile past the post office and 0.2 mile south of the Hwy107/115 split.



Oak Grove United Methodist Church



City	Natchitoches
Address	591 Hwy. 504
Membership	111
Founded	1878

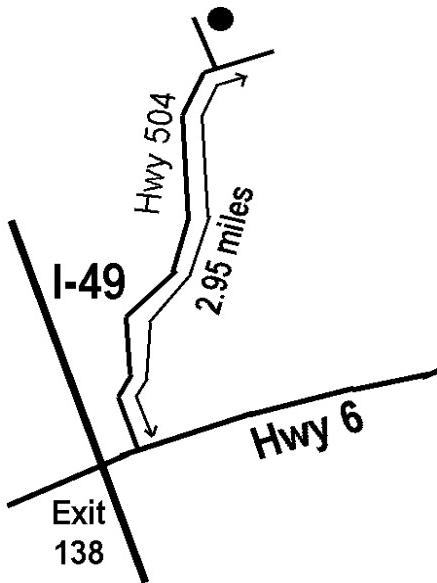
After holding services in private homes and under brush arbors for a time, the first church at Oak Grove was completed in August 1878. It stood near a grove of oak trees at the southwest corner of the present fence around the cemetery. The name Oak Grove Church was painted on the log structure with soot and kerosene.

A second church was built in the early 1900s. Much of the labor was provided by church members. This church was located right in front of the present church near the cemetery gate, facing west. Lumber was brought over by ox and mule teams from the saw mill between Provecal and Lime Kiln.

The present church was constructed by 1930. It began as a two-story building with the sanctuary on the first floor and classrooms on the second. When it was renovated in 1959, the second story was removed and the church was bricked. The fellowship hall was constructed in 1971.

How to Get There:

Take exit 138 from I-49 and head east towards town on Hwy 6. After only 0.2 miles from the interstate, take a left on Hwy 504. Go 2.95 miles down that road and you'll see the church on the left.



Olla United Methodist Church



City	Olla
Address	Ash St.
Membership	131
Founded	1893, 1896

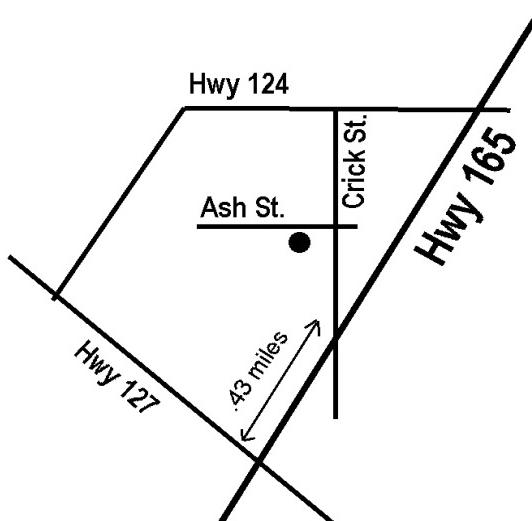
When the church was first organized in 1893, the congregation met in private homes. On March 27, 1894, lots 1 and 2 on Millsite and Railroad were donated to the church by Guy Phillips. Nelson Whitehead had his men clear the land, and the timber for the church was cut in the summer of 1895. The church was completed in 1896. It was made of rough 6-inch drop unpainted siding. The pews and pulpit were made of hand-planed lumber. The bell was purchased the following year for \$7.85, after the hat was passed around town. When it arrived, with \$2 due for freight, the hat was passed again. In 1900, the church was ceiled and a new floor was added. The first pastor of the church was Rev. C.R. Godfrey.

Repairs were made as needed throughout the years. In 1936, the church was renovated and covered with a brick veneer. The interior woodwork of figured gum was done by Ben Chitty. Kenneth Mauterer did the textone on the side walls and ceiling. A brick manse was added and used until its removal in 1978. After a fundraising drive, an organ was purchased for the church in 1950.

The land was sold to the Bank of Jena in 1964 and a new church was constructed that year at the corner of Ash and Crick Streets under the leadership of Rev. Gilbert Wade. A parsonage was built next to the church in 1977/78.

How to Get There:

Head north out of Pineville on Hwy 165 to Olla. Turn north 0.45 miles north of the Hwy 127 intersection onto Crick Dr.. Take a left on Ash St. and the church will be on the left.



Palestine United Methodist Church



City	Ball
Address	306 Tioga Rd.
Membership	295
Founded	1936

The first families to settle nearby (in Tioga) built a church and worshipped there for many years. It was later moved to another location. In 1936, three people (Rev. H.B. McCann, Rev. J.B. McCann, Todd Hollingsworth) led the effort to build a new church in the area. This church was later enlarged, with cinder blocks being added to the outside walls.

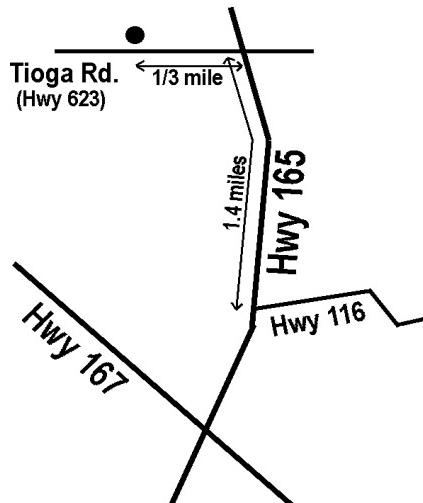
After continued growth, the congregation made plans to build a larger sanctuary. Construction began in 1964 and was finished by February 21, 1965 when the first service was held in the new church.

It wasn't long before tragedy struck the new building. On Labor Day 1970, a fire destroyed the pastor's study, the pulpit area, and the front of the church. Most of the furnishings suffered smoke and water damage. The congregation immediately began plans to rebuild. During the construction, they met for worship in the education building and met at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church for Church School. The rebuilt church was consecrated on March 14, 1971. Bishop Aubrey Walton and District Superintendent Clyde S. Clark led the service. Bishop Kenneth Shamblin led the dedication service on October 3, 1982.

The congregation decided in 1974 to build a new education building on the location of the cinder block church and education building. The new building contained classrooms, a parlor, a kitchen, and a large open area with a stage. Four members of the church have entered the ministry: Raymond Crofoot, Ed Pickens, Odell Simmons, and Lewis Morris, Jr.

How to Get There:

Just to the north of Pineville on Hwy 165, pass the Hwy 116 intersection and go 1.4 miles to the light at the Hwy 623 intersection. Take a left on Tioga Rd. (Hwy 623). The church is 1/3 mile ahead on the right.



First United Methodist Church – Pineville



City	Pineville
Address	2550 Monroe Hwy
Membership	859
Founded	

Preaching first occurred in the area in the first half of the 19th century. Some accounts give the founding of the church as 1837. By 1850, we find Rev. R.J. Harp serving the congregation. The little church in the Methodist cemetery was built during Rev. Christian Keener's pastorate (1873-75). Thomas Maddox had donated 3 acres in 1873 for a church and cemetery at the corner of Singer and Hardtner. That church burned down in the late 1890s. Oral tradition says that the youth were cleaning the grounds and didn't put out the fire completely. A new church was built before the turn of the century. A parsonage was built behind the church facing the cemetery.

As the town began moving away from the Red River and its flooding, the congregation decided to move as well. A lot was purchased on Main Street across from the Pineville Grammar School. Using pews and windows from the old church, the "Little White Church" was built around 1916 on the 800 block of Main St..

The congregation soon grew beyond its facilities and had to build a fellowship hall and classrooms in 1919. A lot was purchased in 1924, when Rev. C.K. Smith was serving as pastor. A new two-story brick church was built on the 900 block of Main St.. A parsonage on College Drive was acquired. In 1947, a lot was purchased at Louisiana College. The congregation moved to the new location in 1952. Services were first held in the education building. The sanctuary was completed and the first service was on Easter Sunday (April 17) in 1960.

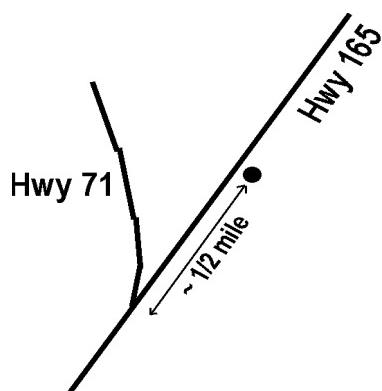
In 1973, the Wilson Watson activity building was constructed. The damaged steeple was replaced and the facilities expanded in 1984.

In the 1990s, the church purchased 53 acres north of the city and constructed new facilities. The first service in the new church was held on May 23, 1999. A Family Life Center was completed in September 2003.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 165 (Monroe Hwy) out of Pineville. Hwy 71 will turn to the left.

Continue on Hwy 165 for about half a mile and the church will be on the right.



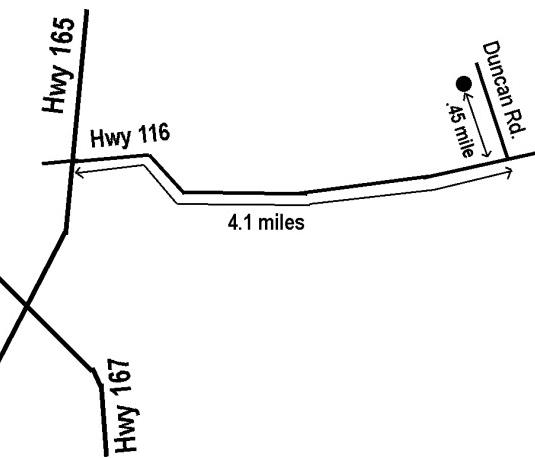
Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church



City	Pineville
Address	85 Duncan Rd.
Membership	44
Founded	

How to Get There:

Just to the north of Pineville on Hwy 165. Turn right on Hwy 116. After 4.1 miles, turn left on Duncan Rd. The church and cemetery are 0.45 miles down the road, on the left.



Pollock United Methodist Church



City	Pollock
Address	1921 Hunter St.
Membership	120
Founded	1894

Religious services in Pollock area throughout most of the 19th century were held by traveling circuit riders. The church traces its roots to November 26, 1894 when two lots were purchased from Eugene S. Cronk. That lot is now at the northwest corner of Highway 165 and Highway 8. A Methodist Episcopal Church, South was built on the property sometime before 1904. One member said that the church was "flat looking with lots of windows." Another lot was given to the church by H.H. McNeely in 1905.

Another Methodist church sprang up after two lots were donated to the church on December 14, 1897 from J.H. McNeely. That church, a Methodist Protestant church, was built sometime before 1908. Tradition says that the original church was burned down when a fire destroyed the town. A new church was built soon after.

The two Methodist churches, only two blocks from each other, served the town for several decades. The M.E.C.S. church was affectionately known as "Miss Hattie's Church" and the M.P. church was known as "Miss Mollye's Church" after two pioneer members in each church. When the three major branches of Methodism merged in 1939, the two churches in Pollock merged as well. The M.E.C.S. property was sold to D.M. Powers, who started a garage business on the site. The merged congregation then met at the former M.P. church at 1921 Hunter Street.

The church's property increased in 1954 when the R.A. Walker family donated a lot on the east side of the church. An education building was built behind the church in 1954. The church's name was legally changed in 1956 from the Pollock Methodist Church to The First Pollock Methodist Church.

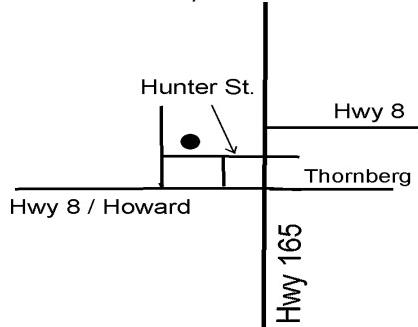
In 1957, the church building was sold to the Methodist congregation at Wardville, where it became the Grace Methodist Church. That church faded away after about a decade and the property sold about 1970. Back in Pollock, a new church was built that same year. Church services were held in the education building during construction. The dedication service, led by Rev. Marvin H. Hockenhull, was held on November 24, 1957.

In 1965, a new parsonage was built. In 1966 the church bought the Thomason property, extending the church's property all the way to Steward Street. An addition was made to the fellowship hall in 1981. Another lot in the back of the church was purchased in 1998.

Source: The People Called Methodists: Pollock United Methodist Church, 1894-2003

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 165 out of Pineville to Pollock. Turn left (west) on Hwy 8 (Howard). Turn right at the first street (John) and then left on Hunter St. The church is on the right.



Provencal United Methodist Church



City	Provencal
Address	Bellwood St.
Membership	66
Founded	1882



One of the new windows

In 1881, the year after Provencal was founded, the Methodist Church was established. Their first church building in 1883 was called Union, since the Baptist and Methodist churches used it for services. The Methodists built their own two-story building a few years later. Services were held on the first floor, while the Masons used the second. In 1913, a tornado destroyed the church and all of its records. The membership (about 200 at that time) built a new church soon after.



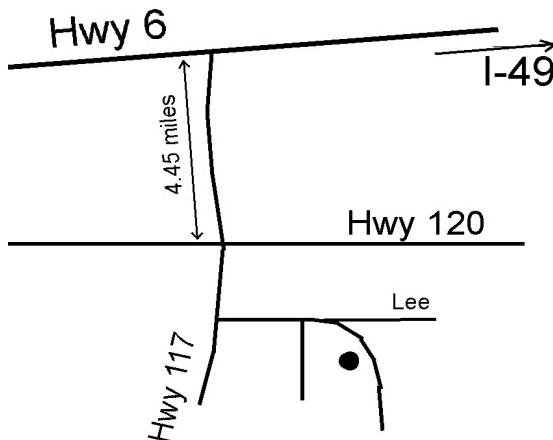
In 1959, the current church was built under the leadership of Rev. W.R. Akin. An education building was later built. It included a dining area and kitchen. In subsequent years, a foyer was added.

When the congregation outgrew the kitchen in the education building, a fellowship building was purchased in 1999 under the leadership of Rev. Don Davis.

In 2003, new carpeting and eight stained glass windows (depicting scenes from Christ's life) were installed.

How to Get There:

Take exit 138 from I-49 and head west on Hwy 6. Turn left at Hagewood on Hwy 117 towards Provencal. In Provencal, turn left on Lee St. (City Hall will be on the right). The church is on the right side of the road, facing Bellwood.



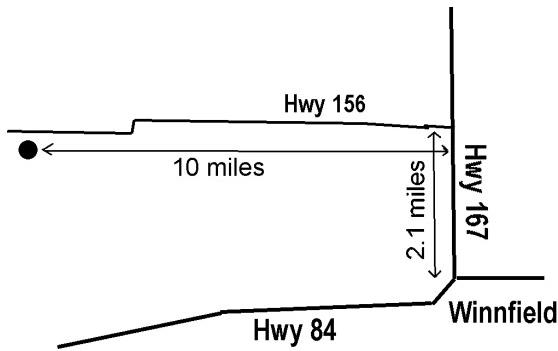
Sanders Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Coldwater
Address	Hwy 156
Membership	23
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 167 north from Winnfield for 2.1 miles. Take a left (west) on Hwy 156. You'll cross RR tracks when the road dog-legs in Calvin after about 9 miles. The church and cemetery are on the left, a bit less than 3 miles further down the road.



Sevier Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Ferriday
Address	1830 N.E. Wallace Blvd.
Membership	245
Founded	1910

The Methodist congregation built the first church in Concordia Parish. Though services probably began earlier ... perhaps between 1904 and 1908, we know that they were definitely in progress by 1908.

The first services were held at the railroad depot at the head of Louisiana Avenue. Services were later held on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Fifth Street at the schoolhouse. In 1910, lots 1 and 2 on block 21 were donated to the church. A small one-room church was built.

Mrs. Carrie D. Sevier donated property on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Third Street and was helpful in fundraising towards a new church. When she passed away on January 19, 1922, a committee was appointed to complete the task. The new church, the Sevier Memorial Methodist Church, was named in memory of her.

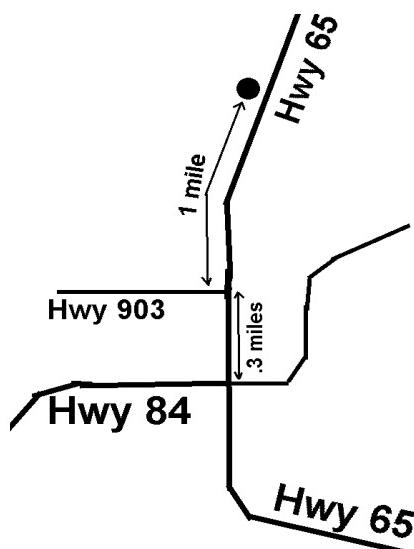
The new brick church was completed and the cornerstone laid in May 1924. There were 102 members at that time. The parsonage at that time was a rented home directly south of the post office.

In 1948, a new annex was constructed. A brick parsonage was built in 1952 on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Sixth Street while Rev. Don Alverson served as pastor.

Plans for a larger church began under the leadership of Rev. J.P. McKeithen in 1963. The new church was completed the following year under the leadership of Rev. Jerry Means. The prayer room was named in honor of Rev. McKeithen. The fellowship hall was named in honor of long-time member Carter C. Walles.

How to Get There:

Head to Ferriday on Hwy 8 from the west or Hwy 15 north or south. The church is located on the west side of Hwy 65/15, about 1.3 miles north of where Hwy 84 merges with Hwy 65 and turns south.



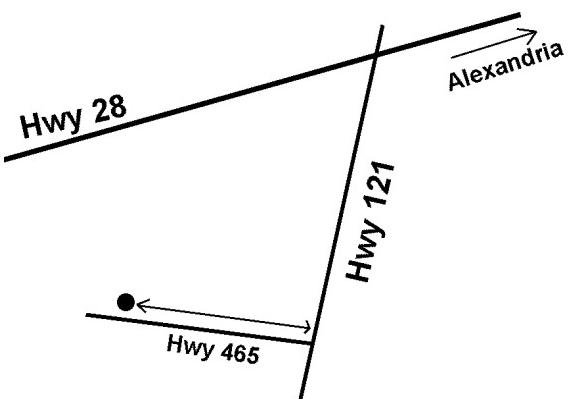
Sieper United Methodist Church



City	Sieper
Address	Hwy 465
Membership	23
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head west on Hwy 28 out of Alexandria. Turn left (south) on Hwy 112. Turn right (west) on Hwy 465. Go another 4.5 miles and the church will be on the right just past the post office.



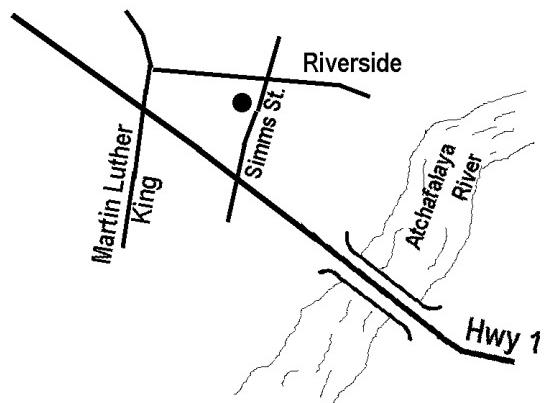
Simmesport United Methodist Church



City	Simmesport
Address	211 Main St.
Membership	30
Founded	

How to Get There:

In Simmesport, just west of the Atchafalaya bridge on Hwy 1, turn north on Martin Luther King at the flashing light. Then turn right on Riverside. Then turn right on Simms St. The church will be on the right.



St. Mark United Methodist Church



City	Alexandria
Address	712 Avoyelles Drive
Membership	51
Founded	1903

St. Mark began in a one room frame building in 1903. This church, called the Darmon Chapel Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, was later destroyed by a tornado. It began under the leadership of a pastor (Rev. W.J. Hampton) and nine laypeople (R.M. Davis, M. Page, C. Johnson, J. Jones, J. Page, J.H.B. Hampton, Dave Levy, R. Johnson, Andie Bowie, Sr.).

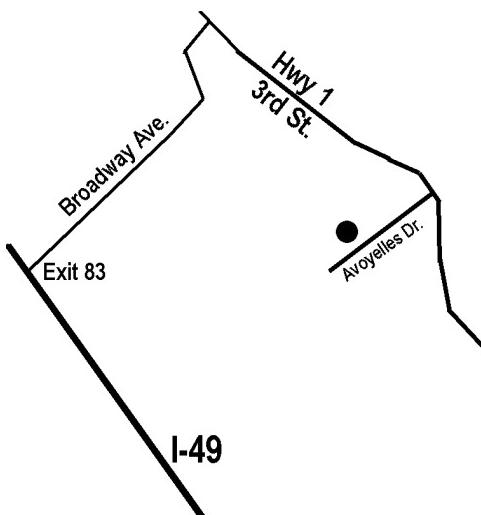
In 1908, church was held in a Brush Harbor that was constructed on Guy Peart Lane. Later, services were held in the home of member Jessy Page. In 1918, services were held for a while in the home of Oliver Peart.

At Annual Conference, Rev. W.R. London, Sr. was sent to the area to cultivate the membership. The church was reorganized early in 1919. Money was raised at camp meetings and an acre of land was bought for \$50. The members cut down trees on the land and build the St. Mark Methodist Episcopal Church on the southwest side of Magda. Construction was completed within 2 years. The cornerstone bears the names of Andie Bowie, Sr., Joe Jones, Frank Hughes, Dave Levy, Joshua Dotson, Hickmon Shilow, and Abraham Williams.

Since most of the members lived in Alexandria, the congregation decided to relocate and moved to its present location in 1970.

How to Get There:

From downtown Alexandria, head south on 3rd St. (Hwy 1). Turn right on Avoyelles Dr. The church is on the right a half a mile down the street.



St. Mark's United Methodist Church



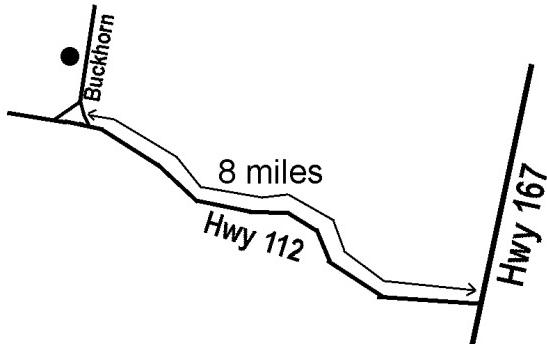
City	Melder
Address	Buckhorn
Membership	9
Founded	



1967

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 165 from Alexandria. Turn right (west) on Hwy 112. After about 8 miles, take the turn to the right (at the Baptist Church) on Buckhorn. The church will be on the left.



St. Maurice United Methodist Church

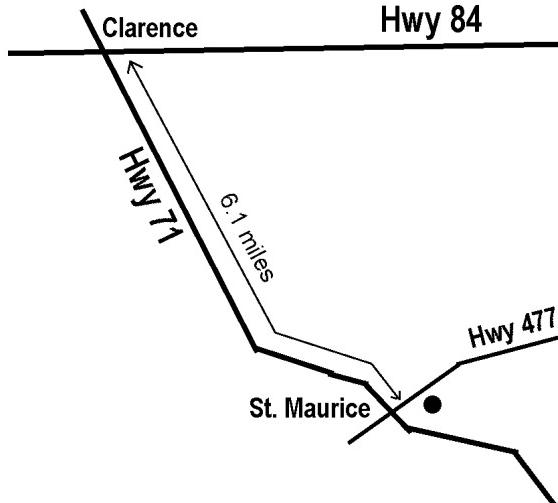


City	St. Maurice
Address	Hwy 477
Membership	20
Founded	1887

The church was first built in 1874 by John C. Jones as the old Independence Church. It united with the Methodist Church in 1887.

How to Get There:

Go to St. Maurice on Hwy 71 (about 6 miles south of where Hwy 84 intersects Hwy 71 from the east). Turn NE on Hwy 477. The church and cemetery are on the right.



St. Paul United Methodist Church



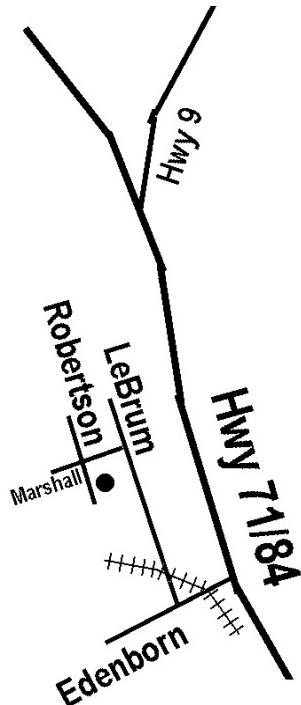
City	Campti
Address	205 Roberson St.
Membership	25
Founded	1876

In 1876 a small group of people met in a blacksmith shop to organize a church. The St. Paul Methodist Episcopal congregation met for three years at the shop before the increasing membership sought a place of their own. The first church was built in 1879 under the leadership of Rev. Frank Walker.

The current church was completed on October 13, 1956. A fellowship hall was built sometime in the 1960s. That building was later remodeled into a parsonage. The church celebrates its anniversary the third Sunday in October.

How to Get There:

Go to Campti on Hwy 71. On the south side of town, turn west onto Edenborn. After crossing the RR tracks, turn right on LeBrum St. After going 1/3 mile (and crossing the tracks again), take a left on Marshall St. Then take a left on Robertson. The church is on the left.



St. Paul United Methodist Church



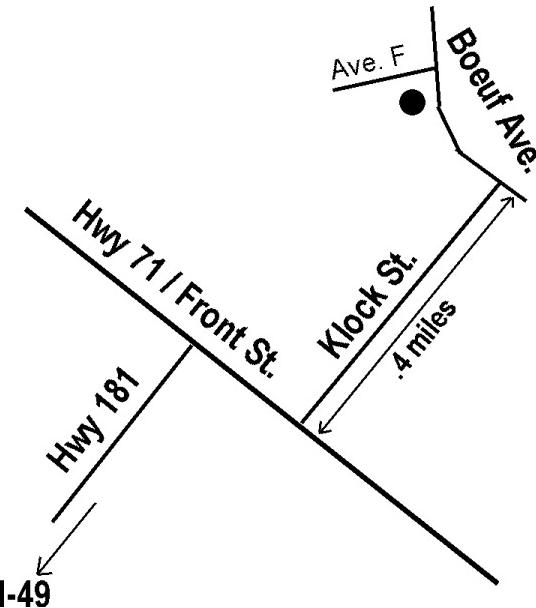
City	Cheneyville
Address	317 Bayou Boeuf Ave.
Membership	30
Founded	1882

The church was organized in 1882. It was rebuilt in 1892. It sits on a hill facing Bayou Boeuf. Led by Rev. A.G. Davis, the first church officers were A. Robinson and H. Tippet. The church, one of the oldest in Cheneyville, was remodeled in 1924. Plumbing was added in the late 1960s. New pews were installed in the 1970s. During remodeling in the 1990s, a kitchen was added.

Communion Sunday is each second Sunday, while Youth Sundays are the fourth Sundays.

How to Get There:

Take exit 56 from I-49 and head into Cheneyville on Hwy 181. Turn right (south) on Hwy 71 (Front St.). After 4 blocks, turn left on Klock St. After 0.4 miles, turn left on Boeuf Ave. The church is on the left after a quarter mile.



Strange United Methodist Church



City	Saline
Address	Strange Church Rd.
Membership	14
Founded	1915

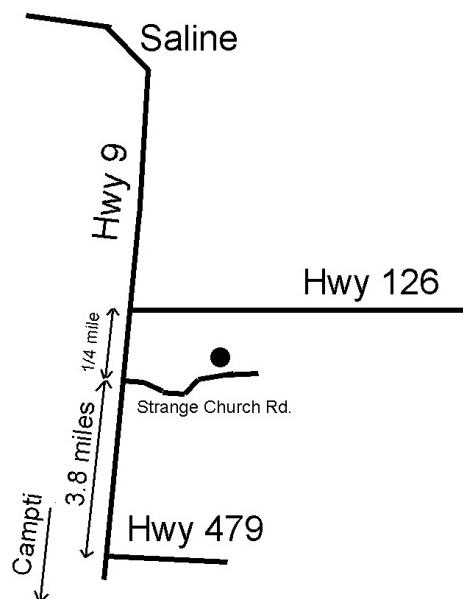
In the early 1900s, Methodists in the Strange community would attend the Mill Creek Methodist Church located about three miles to the north. The Mill Creek church moved five miles north in 1912 to Prothro, LA. Eight miles was a good distance in those days, so the local residents organized their own congregation in 1915. Rev. Frank Moss and Rev. Pierce Moreland led them in forming the Strange Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They met in a Union Church at first, where the Baptists also held their services. The members petitioned Bodcau Lumber Company for ten acres of land to use for the church and cemetery. Money was raised to build the church at it was completed within a year. Two acres of the land was fenced in for use as a cemetery, with the first burial occurring in 1916. When the Readhiemer High School was built a mile away and the community adopted the name Readhiemer, the church continued to use the original name (Strange).

When the building was found to be unsafe in 1960, it was replaced with a brick structure. Led by Rev. Phinas R. Corie and using several members who were skilled carpenters, the new church was soon completed and the dedication led by Bishop Walton was held in 1961.

In later years, a new four-acre cemetery was established behind the new church.

How to Get There:

Just north of Campti on Hwy 71, take Hwy 9 and head NE for 16.9 miles. Turn right on Strange Church Rd. (CR-112) (which is about a quarter mile south of Hwy 126). The church is on the left after 0.2 miles.



Trinity United Methodist Church



City	Alexandria
Address	5752 Bayou Rapides Rd
Membership	116
Founded	1945



Led by Rev. George W. Harbuck, a group of Methodists gathered at the home of Thomas and Corrine Biggers in early 1945 to organize a church. The initial group consisted of 40 charter members. They were assisted by First Methodist, who donated a lot at 204 Chester Street. With the financial help of lumbermen W.D. Wadley and W.T. Murray, an abandoned 100 year-old frame church was bought on Bayou Rapides Road. Renovations on the old building were soon completed and the first service was held in the building on June 10, 1945.

The adjoining lot was later purchased to increase the property to 150'x150'. In 1948 a chapel from Camp Livingston was purchased for \$18,000. The building was renovated and brick veneered in time for the first service in the new sanctuary on August 15, 1948. It was later dedicated under the leadership of Rev. Mayo on May 16, 1954. Membership at that time stood at 571. A two-story education building was built that same year at a cost of \$50,000.

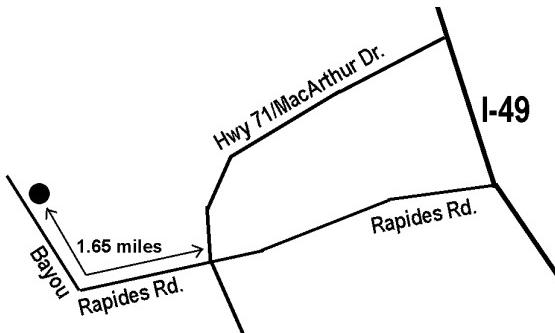
A new fellowship hall complex was built in the 1960s. It was consecrated on April 28, 1968 under Rev. Moreland, with the dedication held by Rev. Miller on March 20, 1977. An extensive history of the church was published in three volumes in 1976, 1984, and 1990.

In the 1990s, the Chester Street property was sold and a new fellowship building was constructed on Bayou Rapides Road. Rev. Jarrell Morgan led the congregation in their first service at the new location on August 2, 1996.

Source: Trinity History 1945-1999, Mary B. Dance

How to Get There:

Take exit 95B from I-49 and head west on Rapides. Or from MacArthur (Hwy 71) turn on Bayou Rapides and head west. After the road makes a right turn, the church is about $\frac{3}{4}$ miles ahead (1.65 miles west of MacArthur). It's on the right side of the road.



Trinity United Methodist Church

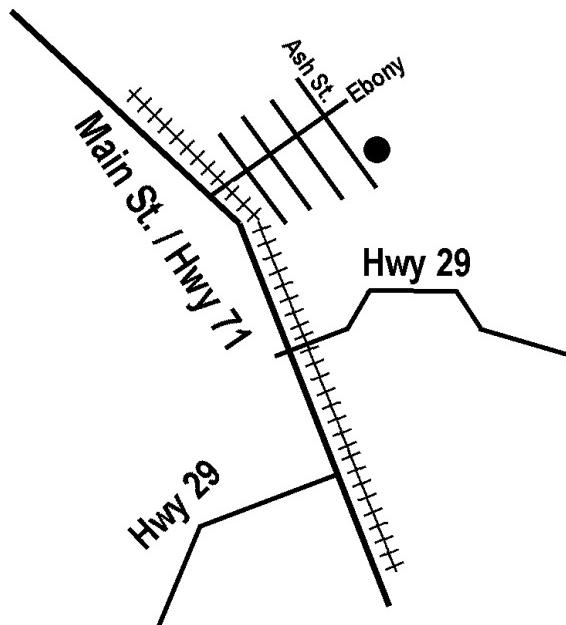


City	Bunkie
Address	303 Ash St.
Membership	75
Founded	1990

Trinity was established on June 12, 1990. Its founders were James Simpson, Velma Keller, Thelma Locks, Muriel K. Glenn, Leon Holts, Jr., Ell G. Frazier, Lula Wilson, Elvira Williams, Lutishia Girtley, Leola Compton, Winston Robinson, Vivian R. Wilson, Earl Carter. The lay leader at its founding was Albert Kelley and the pastor was Rev. Helena W. Wright.

How to Get There:

In Bunkie, 0.4 mile north of Hwy 29/115 E., turn on Ebony and cross the RR tracks. Turn right on the fourth street (Ash St.). The church will be on the left.



Union Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Boyce
Address	730 Mayo St.
Membership	60
Founded	1890

The church was first founded on October 19, 1890 under the name of Kornet Methodist Church. In the early 1920s, St. Paul Methodist Church merged with Kornet. At some time after the merger, the congregation changed their name to Union Chapel Methodist Church.

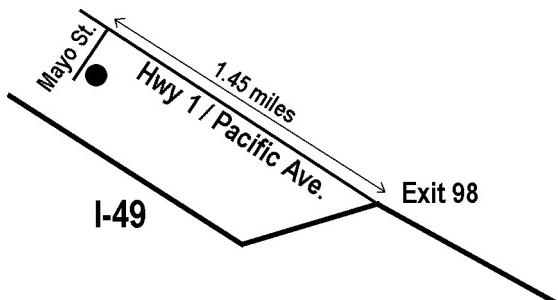
In 1950, the congregation of Village Methodist Church across the river in Grant Parish merged with Union when Rev. Charlie Green served as pastor. In 1980, Macedonia United Methodist Church led by Rev. Herbert Green also merged with Union.

Rev. Harvey Swezier led the church in a total renovation in 1992. An administration office, pastor's study, and bathrooms were added.

Families in the church from Kornet included: Thomas, Moody, Wester, Hudson, Johnson, Oscar, Beecham, Bynum, and Jones. Families from the Village congregation included: Sergeant, Hickman, Hazel, Walker, Jones, Robinson, and Johnson. Families from the Macedonia congregation included: Field, Vaugh, Davion, Evans, and Jones.

How to Get There:

Take exit 98 from I-49. Take Hwy 1 (Pacific Ave.) into town (Boyce) for 1.45 miles. Turn left on Mayo St. The church is on the left.



Urania United Methodist Church



City	Urania
Address	6577 Tannehill Dr.
Membership	38
Founded	1912

Religious services began by 1906 with revival services held under a tent in the woods. They were led by Sisters Perdue and Bartlet. By 1912, Methodists (and other denominations) began holding services at the Woodmen of the World building on Main Street. Sister Perdue (a Methodist) and a Baptist minister each preached there once a month. The congregations later separated, with the Methodists forming the Urania Methodist Protestant Church. They continued to meet in the same building. Sunday School was held in the afternoon every Sunday.

In 1926, they decided to build their own structure. After the theater at Urania burned down, that location was selected for the church. The Hardtner family (who owned the Urania Lumber Company) had the company build the church in 1927. The church arranged to repay the debt in monthly payments. Numerous fundraising efforts were made. Henry Hardtner matched donations from area merchants. The church was built in memory of Sister Bartlet, who had moved to California.

Sister Perdue (who lived in Atlanta, Texas) would take the train to Urania once a month to hold services. The lumber company paid her salary for many years. She served the church until 1939.

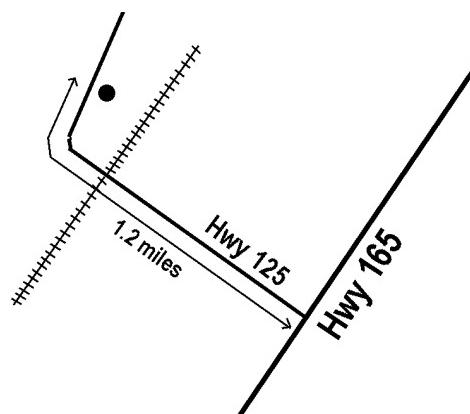
The church was left without a pastor after the 1939 merger in Methodism, and some members joined other churches.

In 1956, the church was remodeled. Local residents used 35 varieties of (native) hardwoods in the sanctuary. The lighted cross on the wall was placed in memory of long-time member C.E. Tannehill. Bishop Walton led the dedication service for the remodeled church in the early 1960s.

When the Urania Lumber Company was bought by Georgia-Pacific in 1968, the land was deeded to the church (1969).

How to Get There:

Head north out of Pineville on Hwy 165 to Urania. Turn left on Hwy 3259/125 and cross the tracks. The church is on the right after the curve ... 1.2 miles from Hwy 165.



Vidalia United Methodist Church

City	Vidalia
Address	N. Oak St.
Membership	194
Founded	1880



On April 7, 1880, Pauline Davis Carter donated land on which to build a Methodist Episcopal Church, South structure. The town had been named after her grandfather, Don Jose Vidal. The first church was soon built, though it later burned down and was rebuilt. The church was a Union church and was shared by other Protestant denominations.

On January 30, 1930, the church elected to relocate to the corner of North Spruce and Concordia Streets, on property that was donated by Mr. T.J. Bingham. The move was necessary because the new levee put much of the town in the Mississippi River. Many other structures were also relocated.

Rev. Lael S. Jones became the first full-time resident pastor in 1949.

The Baptists left the Union church in 1944 and built their own church. About that time, the Methodists constructed an education building. While Rev. Harold Hine served as pastor (1955-60), the property at the corner of Florida and North Oak Streets was purchased.

In 1958, the Presbyterians purchased the old Union church property and rededicated it as a Presbyterian church in 1971.

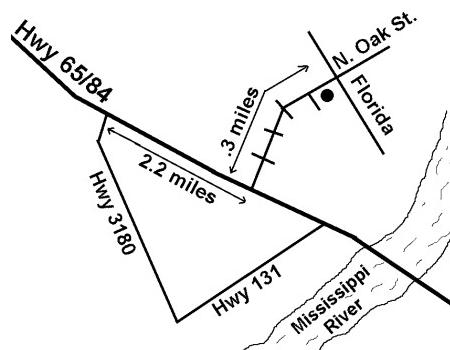
In the mid 1960s, a brick parsonage was built on property that had been donated by Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Johnson. Work began while Rev. Arby W. Coody was pastor and was completed while Rev. William Odell Simmons was pastor. Bishop Aubrey Walton led the consecration service in the spring of 1966.

In March of 1966, Rev. Dan Tohline dressed as an early Circuit Rider and left from Vidalia on horseback to ride to Baltimore, MD for the bicentennial celebration.

In the late 1960s, improvements were made to the facilities and property next to the church was purchased. In December 1971, the debt from the buildings built fourteen years earlier was paid off.

How to Get There:

Head into Vidalia on Hwy 84/65 from Ferriday. Turn left (north) on N. Oak St. The church will be 1/3 mile ahead on the right.



Weaver United Methodist Church



City	Flora
Address	Hwy. 120
Membership	49
Founded	1909

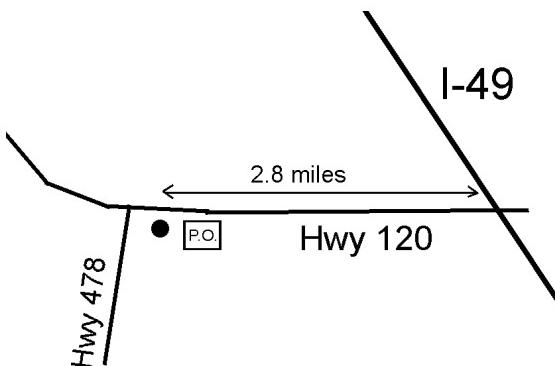
Methodism began in the area when the Bayou Blue Church was formed before 1890. That church burned down in 1901 and again a few years later. The people of Flora and Bayou Blue joined forces to organize a new church in 1909. The first services in Flora (Mill Town) were held in the school. Rev. M.A. Pharr, the preacher at the Methodist church in Provencal, worked at the company store in Flora and conducted services for the Flora congregation for the first 4 years.

With significant labor help from the Smith and Parson families, the first church building was constructed in 1913. Money was raised in the community and matched two for one by Weaver Brothers Company. Later, the Southern Methodists from Flora and Provencal separated their membership into a Methodist Episcopal Church and a Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

After a new high school was built, the congregation decided in 1921 to move to a more central location. A contract for \$2000 was made and the new church, named Weaver after the local sawmill, was built. Later additions included classrooms and a parsonage. When the sawmill business waned in the early 1940s, it resulted in a drop in church membership. Still, the faithful membership has kept the church alive, adding a fellowship hall to serve the church and community. Jolly Harper referred to the church as "the church in the wild woods" due to its location among wild flowers and moss-covered trees.

How to Get There:

Take exit 127 from I-49 and head west on Hwy 120. The church is on the left, 2.85 miles down the road, just past the post office.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Booneville
Address	11967 Hwy 71 S
Membership	128
Founded	1869

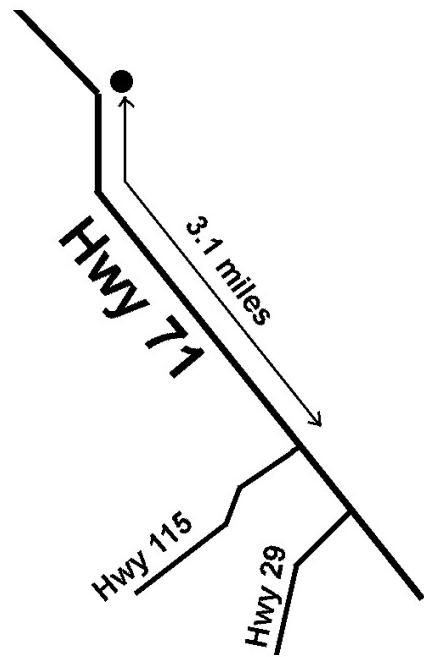


1967

The church was organized in 1869. A church was built in 1903 and rebuilt in 1952.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 71 from Bunkie. The church is 3.1 miles north of the Hwy 29 intersection in Bunkie. The church and cemetery are on the east side of the road.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Pineville
Address	501 Hunter St.
Membership	79
Founded	1871



1967

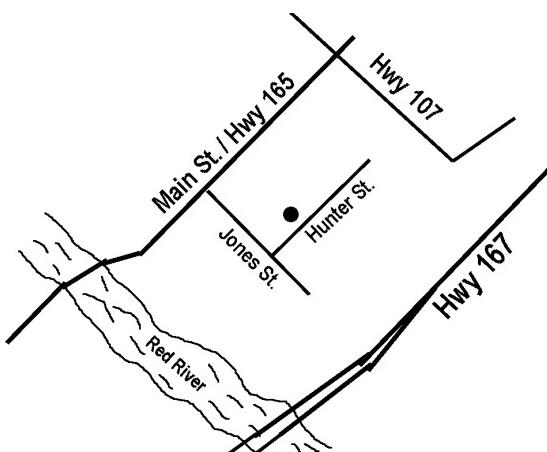
The first services were held by Rev. Wade Hampton, Sr. about once a month. The Pineville Colored Methodist Church met in a blacksmith shop on Main Street across from the Mt. Olivet Episcopal Church. Services were also held at the St. James Methodist Episcopal Church (present-day Newman).

After Mr. R.P. Hunter gave the church a piece of land in 1878/79, Rev. H.J. Wright led the members in the building of the first church building. Under Rev. Murrell, it was named the Macedonia Methodist Episcopal Church. After a number of years, the name was changed to the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. T.A. Brown led the congregation in rebuilding the church in 1921. A new church was built at the end of the 1960s under the leadership of Rev. R.H. Harry. The new church was consecrated on April 26, 1970. The new church was paid off by October 1977, under the leadership of Rev. George M. Alfred.

How to Get There:

From Main St. (Bus Hwy 165) in Pineville, turn SE onto Jones St. After 3 blocks, turn left onto Hunter St. The church and cemetery are on the left.



White's Chapel United Methodist Church

City	Gold Dust
Address	White Chapel Rd.
Membership	18
Founded	1870



The church was founded in 1870 by Rev. Frederick White. At that time, it was known as Fairview Church in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Services were first held at a sugar house and later in a schoolhouse near the Milburn Post Office.

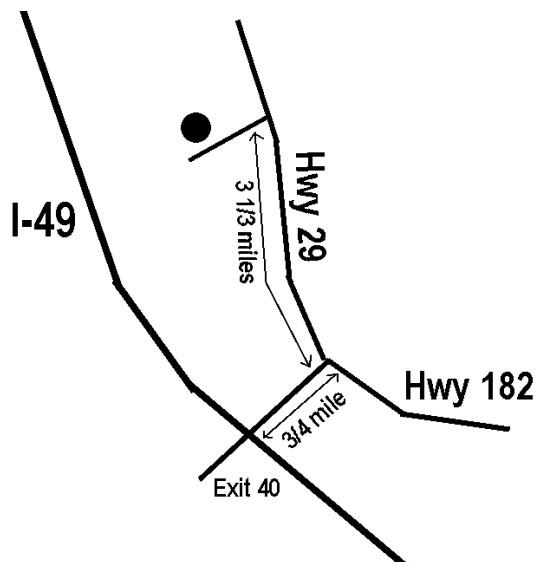
In 1894, Wilson A. O'Quin, Sr. donated land along Bayou Beouf to the church. The building was constructed by Hugh and Lee Evans at a cost of \$1600 and was renamed after the founding pastor. The church is built in the Gothic style, with a tall steeple and a high cathedral ceiling. A pot-belly stove was located in front of the pulpit to provide heat in winter. The church cemetery is around the church.

In later years, the ceiling was lowered to allow the space to be heated more efficiently in the winter. The tall steeple, which had been hard to maintain, was replaced by a shorter steeple topped with a cross. The rebuilt steeple was a gift from Mrs. Gladys White Martin. The education building used for Sunday School was later sold and moved off of the property.

In 1983, White's Chapel was added to the National Historical Register of Historic Places.

How to Get There:

From I-49, take exit 40 and head east on Hwy 29. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, turn left on Hwy 29. After $3\frac{1}{3}$ miles, turn left on White Chapel Rd. You'll see the church and cemetery on the right.



Wilton United Methodist Church



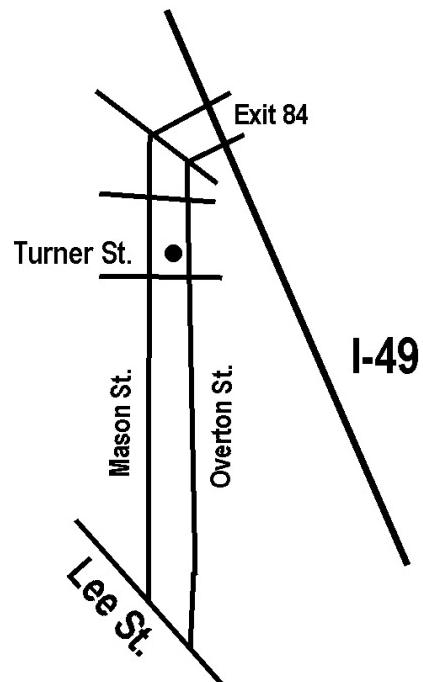
City	Alexandria
Address	1516 Turner St.
Membership	101
Founded	1909

In 1905, Mrs. Myra Brent Wilton began meeting with interested persons in her home at 1509 Hardtner St., Alexandria. She was convinced that God would enable them to build a church in the south Alexandria area. Organized as a mission, they were assigned Rev. Squire Watson as their first pastor. Mrs. Wilton bought property at the corner of Overton and Turner and donated it to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The present church building is the third edifice to be built on that property. The original church (Wilton Chapel) was built there in 1909 (though the cornerstone gives the date erected as 1903). It was replaced in 1927 by the second structure. In 1947, an Army chapel was purchased from Camp Claiborne and renovated.

How to Get There:

Take exit 84 from I-49 and head south on Hwy 167. Take a left on Turner St. Or take Hwy 167 north (Lee St.) from Hwy 71 (MacArthur) and go 3.3 miles (keeping to the right on Overton when Lee goes straight) to Turner St. The church will be on the left.



Winnfield United Methodist Church



City	Winnfield
Address	300 West Main
Membership	366
Founded	1870*



1918-1952.

The exact founding date of the Winnfield church is not known, but it is believed to date back at least to the 1850s. From 1859 to 1865, Rev. J.F. Bellany served as the chaplain of the local Masonic Lodge. He was a Methodist minister and is believed to have held services in the area.

The first church was built when Daniel Kelly, a local lawyer, gave an acre of land to the church in 1870. The frame building served as the Methodist church and was also used for Baptist services and as a schoolhouse.

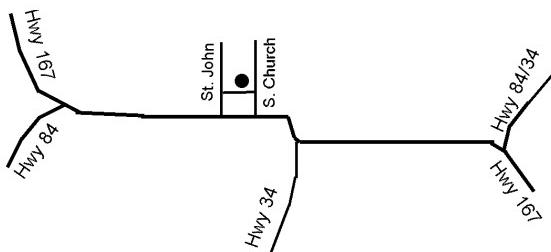
The original church was torn down in 1900 and replaced by another frame church. In 1918, the second church was torn down and construction of a new brick edifice began. Once Sunday while the pastor, Rev. R.S. Walton, was away the church collected \$12,500 towards the new church ... mostly in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. Rev. Walton was replaced by Rev. Jordon, under whose leadership the majority of church construction was completed.

The church continued to grow, and it hosted the Annual Conference in 1933. Under Rev. Fred Flurry's pastorate (1945-1950), the church embarked on several building projects. A new parsonage (dedicated October 15, 1950) and an education building were built in the late 1940s. Construction plans began on a new sanctuary. Rev. Porter Caraway succeeded Rev. Flurry and led the congregation in the construction of the new sanctuary, which was finished by 1952. It was paid for and dedicated in February of 1952.

Source: First Methodist Church, Winnfield, 1964 – Christian Symbolism and History

How to Get There:

From Hwy 84 (W. Court St.) in Winnfield, turn north on S. Church St. Take a left on Main St. and the church is on the right.



BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

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Amite United Methodist Church



City	Amite
Address	800 N. Duncan Ave.
Membership	342
Founded	1908

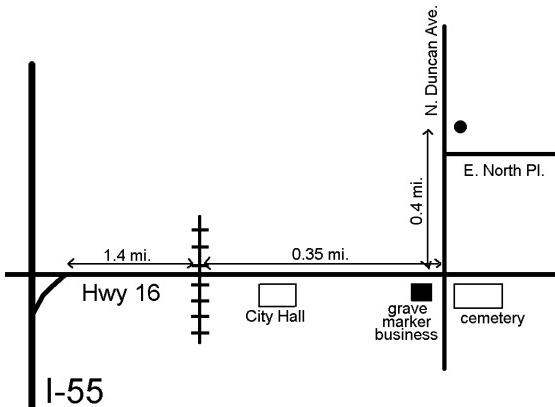
The Amite church had its roots before the Civil War, when it was located between Myrtle and Duncan Avenue. That church, the second church building of the congregation, burned down. Elder members recall that the first church was a one room building that stood on the site of the Brown Funeral Home.

The third church was built in the middle of the block between Laurel and Bay, facing Mulberry. It was destroyed by a tornado in 1908. Another church was soon built, but it was destroyed by a 1940 tornado. The church was rebuilt once again, on the corner of Laurel and Mulberry. That property (where the Parish library is now located) was later sold to buy land on Duncan Avenue.

The current church was built in 1964 on Duncan Avenue. It was dedicated on May 4, 1969.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Amite exit. Go 1.75 mi. east on Hwy 16 and turn left on N. Duncan Ave. Go north 0.4 mi. and you'll see the church on the right, just past E. North Pl.



Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church

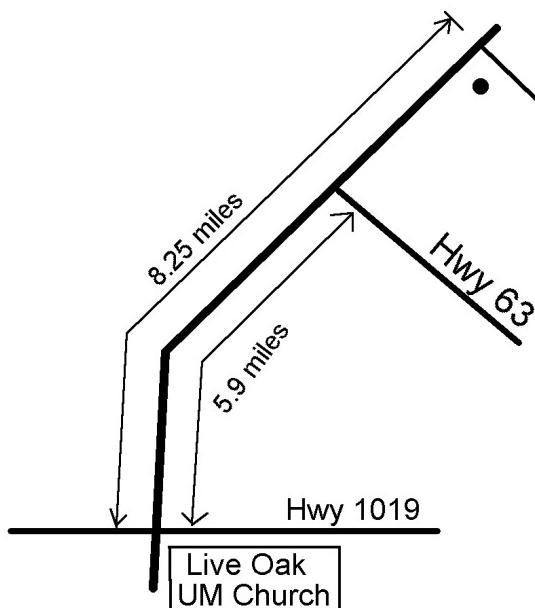


City	Watson
Address	41600 Hwy. 16
Membership	65
Founded	1888

The church was founded in Dennis Mills, Louisiana, in 1888 under the leadership of Rev. H.C. Geir. It was destroyed in 1965 by a hurricane. The current church was built soon after in 1967.

How to Get There:

From Denham Springs, head north on Hwy 16 to Watson. In Watson, you'll see Live Oak UM Church on your right (at a stop light). Continue heading north on Hwy 16. After you've gone a little over 8 miles (past the Live Oak Church in Watson), you'll see the church on the right.



Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Wilson
Address	9034 Beech Grove Rd.
Membership	116
Founded	1892



1967

In 1892, a small group of people decided to establish a place of worship for their community. A church was constructed under the leadership of Rev. A.J. Proctor.

Class leader meetings were held each week. The Steward Sisters would meet every Tuesday night with the Woman Society of Christian Services. The dues were 10 to 25 cents for the pastor, and \$1 for world services every Easter. When they didn't have the money, they would give meat, flour, syrup and so on to "pay" the pastor. Pound parties were a common occurrence.

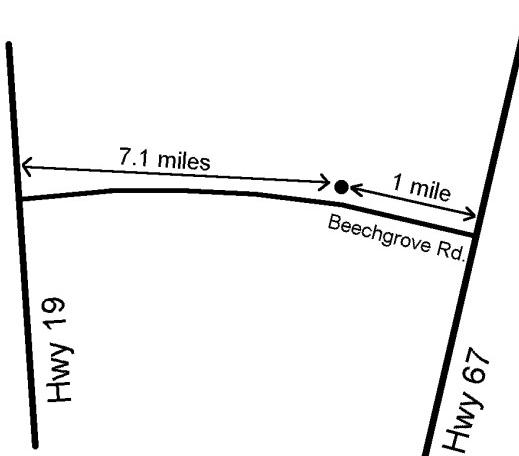
In August of 1906, the church was remodeled under the leadership of Rev. H. L. Lennon. The structure of the old church was built by Rev. Blackman Hall in 1946. By 1971, the leaders of the church decided to find a new site for the church. Led by Rev. James Smith, the committee picked the site and a church was built in 1974.

There is a cemetery to the left of the church.

SOURCE: History of Asbury United Methodist Church, Willie Tutson

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 67 north out of Baton Rouge. Go past Clinton. Take a left onto Beechgrove Rd. There's a church sign at the turn. The church will be on the right. It is 5.6 miles to the east of Wesley UM Church.



First United Methodist Church - Baker



City	Baker
Address	1255 Camelia
Membership	180
Founded	1897

The Baker church goes back to Pipkin Chapel for its beginnings. Pipkin Chapel, located on Bayou Sara Road (old Scenic Hwy), was formed in the 1830's. In 1889, some of its members left to form the Zachary Methodist Church. In 1892, a parsonage was built for the Pipkin Chapel pastor. Since most of the members lived around Baker, the home was built there on a lot donated by Mrs. Kate Young.

Pipkin Chapel was on a circuit with Deerford, Blackwater, and Brookstown at this time. But in 1896, Pipkin Chapel was disbanded. The Baker community was without a pastor until 1897, when Rev. W.H. Benton was assigned to the circuit. He held services in the auditorium of the Presbyterian Church on the fourth Sunday of each month until a church could be built.

When Rev. Benton organized the church, there were 36 charter members. In 1898, a lot next to the parsonage was purchased for \$50 from Albert Converse. The church was soon built. The debt was paid off in 1906 and was dedicated by Rev. Notestien of the Zachary church.

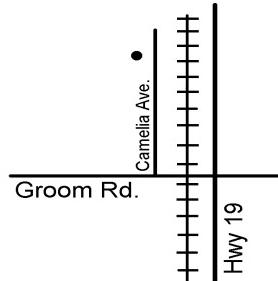
The congregation was on a circuit with Blackwater, Deerford, Brookstown, Beech Grove, and Bethel. Of these churches, Beech Grove was disbanded in 1907, Brookstown was destroyed by a storm in 1908 and disbanded, and Bethel was destroyed by a storm in 1908 and rebuilt. The wood from the Brookstown church was sold and the money used to repair the Baker parsonage. When Blackwater (1939) and Bethel (1944) left the circuit, only Deerford and Baker remained. In 1945, Baker became a full-time charge while Rev. William Mayo served as pastor.

The present church was built in 5 stages. A concrete block building was built in the late 1940's and now serves as part of the educational building. The building was renovated and bricked on the outside in the 1950's. The northern part of the educational building was also added at that time. The present sanctuary was completed in 1966 under the leadership of Rev. Lael Jones (1960-1965) and Rev. Albert Collins (1965-1968). In 1980, the family room was added.

SOURCE: "The First United Methodist Church of Baker Celebrates 100 Years"

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 19 through Baker. You can see the church from Hwy 19. Turn left onto Groom Rd. and cross the RR tracks. Turn right onto Camelia Ave. The church is on the left.



First United Methodist Church - Baton Rouge



City	Baton Rouge
Address	930 North Blvd.
Membership	3840
Founded	1834



Original church

The Baton Rouge circuit was created in 1832. It was served by Rev. Bevil Tabor in 1833. The following year, the Methodist Episcopal Church of Baton Rouge was incorporated while Rev. Charles K. Marshall was pastor. The congregation had 41 white and 6 black members. The first church was built two years later on the corner of Fourth and Laurel Streets.

The war saw many churches left without pastors. The Baton Rouge pastor, Rev. N.A. Cravens was even taken prisoner by the Union Army in 1862, and the church was closed. In 1864, a chaplain (of the Methodist Episcopal Church) in the Union Army was assigned to the church, but is ignored in the church records.

Rev. Reynold S. Trippet raised funds in 1871 to pay off heavy debts and for repairs. A small organ was purchased at this time. By the early 1870's, Rev. Alexander E. Goodwyn had supervised the retirement of the remaining debts and the church was renovated. The Ladies Aid Society was founded at this time.

By 1912, the Sunday School had 500 members. The bell at the fire house next door was becoming a nuisance ... often disturbing church services. In 1922, the decision was made to find a new location and build a new church.

The cornerstone for the present church at the corner of North and East Boulevards was laid on April 26, 1925. The first service was held in the new sanctuary on March 30, 1926.

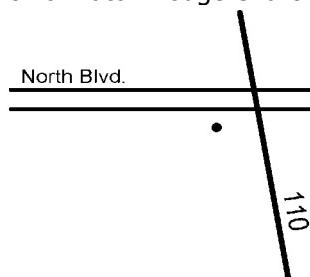
In 1948, the church began a radio ministry. The following year saw the Sunday School classes outgrowing their rooms. A building fund drive began at the end of the year. In 1952, the Methodist Youth Center and the W.R. Aldrich Chapel were completed and dedicated.

In 1963, the Adult Center was built, in part to handle the growth of the XYZ Club. By 1970, the Early Learning Center opened for business. In 1985, the church began broadcasting services on television. After the Children's Building was erected in 1992, the church undertook major renovations in 1993. The church currently owns 3 parsonages.

SOURCE: Our Church History; First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge Church Directory

How to Get There:

From I-10, take Hwy 110 north. Take the exit at North Blvd. and turn west onto North Blvd. The church is one block down on the left.



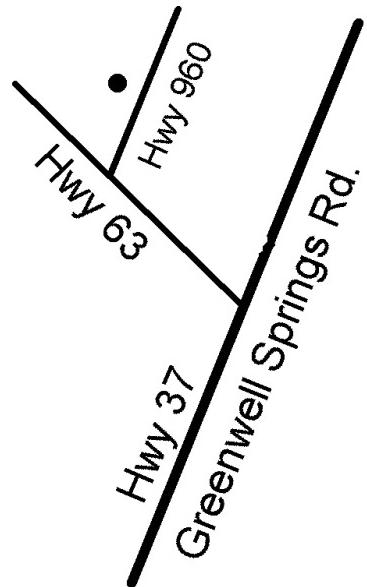
Beech Grove United Methodist Church



City	Clinton
Address	150 Hwy. 960
Membership	60
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head north on Greenwell Springs Rd. (Hwy 37) out of Baton Rouge. Turn left onto Hwy 63. Turn right onto Hwy 960 (you'll see a church sign). The church is about 100 yards from the intersection, on the right side of the road.



Bethel United Methodist Church



City	Pride
Address	17022 Liberty Rd.
Membership	122
Founded	1829



1909-1956

It is estimated that the first church was built about 1814. An exhorter visiting the area in 1824 noted that it had been in use for a number of years. The first church was constructed on property donated by John O. Denham and his wife, Sarah Dyer. The original church and cemetery were located across the road (opposite and north) of the present church. A larger frame church replaced the log structure in 1832. It was 20'x30' and was used as a public school and community meeting house. In 1865, after Union soldiers burned down the church (in 1863), it was rebuilt at a cost of \$600 (donated by John B. Powers).

This church was destroyed by a storm in 1909. It was rebuilt, slightly larger. The single room church was used as a sanctuary and as the Sunday School room.

Additions were made to the sides of the church under the leadership of Rev. James L. Beasley in 1941. The parsonage was built in 1946 under the leadership of Rev. J.P. Bonnecare. In that year, the church, parsonage, and cemetery were now under church ownership.

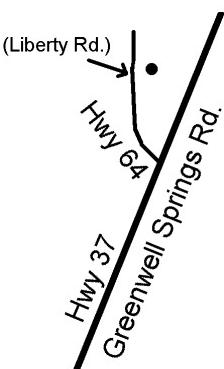
In 1952, plans began on a new church. Curtis Jones and Percy Bullock gave a piece of land to the church in 1953. Construction on the new church and educational building began in 1956 under the leadership of Rev. Ted Smith. Services were first held in the fellowship hall (which was completed first) while the sanctuary was being built.

The new church was completed in 1959. The first service was held on March 8, 1959, and was led by District Superintendent D.W. Poole. Air conditioning and carpeting were later installed, and the parking lot was paved. Two lots in the Indian Mound subdivision were purchased.

SOURCE: Eleanor Jones, Bethel United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Take Greenwell Springs (Hwy 37) north out of Baton Rouge. Turn left at Hwy 64. The church is 1/4 mile down on the right.



Blackwater United Methodist Church



City	Baker
Address	10000 Blackwater Rd.
Membership	1054
Founded	1848



1896-1954

In 1848, Blackwater was included as a preaching point along a Methodist circuit. In 1857, Ms. Nancy Hooper deeded 5 acres of land, part of the Hooper Plantation, to the Louisiana Conference to use for a church. It was located between Blackwater Bayou and the Comite River and contained the Hooper family cemetery. The original church, 30'x40', was located south of the present cemetery drive. It was built by a German workman. This original Blackwater Methodist Church was on a circuit with Beech Grove, Davis Chapel, and Bethel. Other Protestant denominations used the church at times.

In 1896, a new church was built across the road from the cemetery, and the church was incorporated. It was a white, wooden building with a tin roof. There were 3 rows of benches. An educational building was built in 1932. A concrete block wall was added around the church in 1939. By the 1940's, the church had grown old and outdated.

Aunt Emily Pennington called Rev. Mouser to her house and told him of a vision of a new red brick sanctuary. The Rev. began a building fund in 1948 and raised \$2,100. In the fall of 1950, a meeting was called to select a new church site. Although only two members showed up (Versie Watts and Russel Hausey), one was willing to place a mortgage on his home and another signed a personal note for \$10,000. Construction began that October; and by 1951, \$16,000 had been raised and membership had increased by 188. The cornerstone was laid by Dr. William Brown and the new church was constructed at a cost of \$35,000. It was dedicated on November 28, 1954.

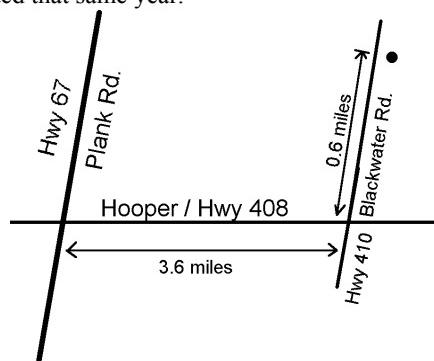
As soon as the sanctuary was built, the congregation began planning for a new education building (at a cost of \$70,000). Rev. Edwin Keith (of the Arkansas Conference) was hired as Director of Stewardship Promotion. This "venture of faith" was paid for with a pledge system, instituted by Rev. Keith. The building was completed in 1957.

A gymnasium was constructed in 1967. A new 500 seat sanctuary was built and was consecrated on April 24, 1983. A new parsonage in Willow Wood was constructed that same year.

SOURCE: Blackwater United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Head north on Plank Rd. (Hwy 67) north out of Baton Rouge. Turn right onto Hooper (Hwy 408). After about 3.5 miles, turn left onto Blackwater Rd. (Hwy 410. The church is a little over 1/2 mile down on the right.



Bluff Creek United Methodist Church



City	Bluff Creek
Address	Hwy. 63
Membership	24
Founded	1932

The Bluff Creek United Methodist Church was organized in 1932 under Rev. J.B. Shearer, the Clinton pastor. During the summer, services were held under the tabernacle at the Bluff Creek Campground. During the winter, services were held in the auditorium at Bluff Creek High School.

Eventually, the congregation decided to build a church. The Campground Committee gave the church 3 acres on the NE corner of the campground. The church was constructed in 1934-1935. Many people from the community, not just the Methodists, joined together on Saturday's to build it. Much of the construction material was donated by businesses in surrounding towns. The men did the building, while the ladies cooked the food.

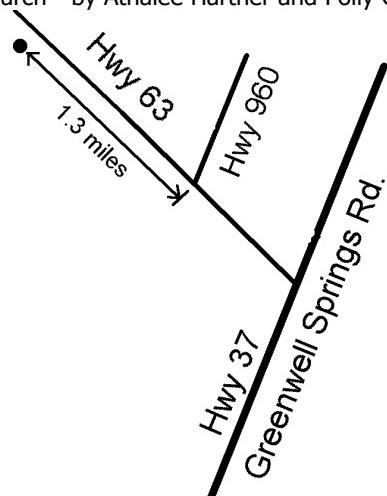
In 1945, Bluff Creek and nearby Pipkin Chapel were put on a circuit. When the Pipkin Chapel closed (and its membership moved to Greensburg), Bluff Creek was added to the Slaughter charge.

In 1986, tragedy struck and the church burned down. A new church was built in 1987 under the leadership of Rev. Ellen Montegudo.

SOURCE: "A Brief History of Bluff Creek United Methodist Church" by Athalee Hartner and Polly Olson

How to Get There:

Head north on Greenwell Springs Rd. (Hwy 37) out of Baton Rouge. Turn left onto Hwy 63. Keep going straight; the church will be on the left, 1.3 miles past the Hwy 960 turnoff.
(NOTE: There is a gate at the driveway that may be locked.)



Broadmoor United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	10230 Mollylea Dr.
Membership	4444
Founded	1955

In 1953, the District Board of Missions and Church Extension purchased 4 lots at the corner of Mollylea and Sharp Road. They also assisted with the purchase of a parsonage.

In 1955, Rev. J. Philip Woodland was appointed as pastor, a tent was erected, and services began. The first service, on June 19, 1955, was led by Rev. Edward W. Harris, District Superintendent. It started a week-long "Evangelistic Mission" led by various Baton Rouge pastors and choirs. The 54 initial charter members grew to 128 by July 31, 1955.

Sunday School was held at the parsonage and in private homes in those early years. With the help of the 1000 Club, a Fellowship Hall was built in 1956. Since the church was growing rapidly, construction on a new educational building began the following year. The educational building was completed in 1958. Five years later, Bishop Walton dedicated the first 2 buildings and the mortgages were paid off. Plans began for a new sanctuary and administration building.

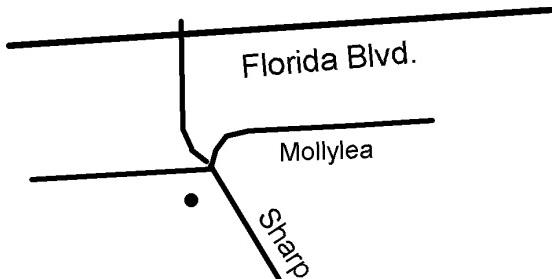
Begun on August 12, 1962, the new church held its first service on May 5, 1963. A small activities building was built in 1965. In 1967, a new, two-story educational building was completed. A new parsonage was built the following year on West Tams. Property (3.5 acres) south of the parking lot was purchased later that year (1968).

The Memorial Garden was dedicated on June 11, 1972.

Membership had grown at an astounding rate. In March, 1974, the 5000th member joined the church, and the current membership stood at 3400. Construction began the next year on a multi-purpose activities building for the youth.

How to Get There:

Head east on Florida Blvd. past Airline Hwy. Shortly after passing Greenlawn Gardens Cemetery on the left, you will get to Sharp Lane. Turn right onto Sharp. The street quickly turns to the left and crosses Mollylea Dr. The church is on the SW corner of Mollylea and Sharp.



Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	8600 Scenic Hwy.
Membership	518
Founded	1917

In 1917, a group of Christians in Scotlandville began meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford. They were assisted by Rev. Amos M. Taylor, pastor of Thompson Chapel in Baker. Services were later held in the Odd Fellows Hall behind Sewell's Variety Store. The congregation was later given a site on Stilt Street and a church was constructed. It was named the Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church.

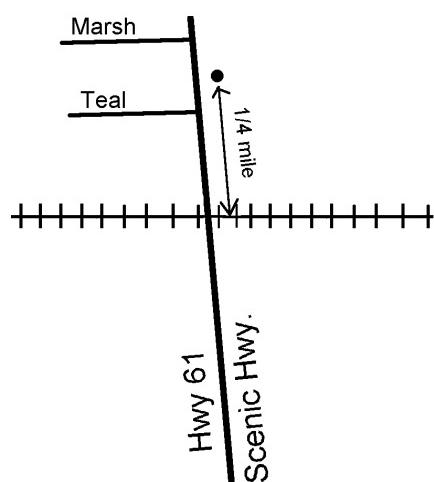
The General Church purchased 3 lots at the present site for \$1000. The church was moved from Stilt St. to the location in 1922. The name was changed at that time to Camphor Memorial, in honor of Bishop A.P. Camphor. The move was supervised by Walter Scott Chinn, the District Superintendent.

Under the leadership of Rev. George W. Carter, Jr., the congregation began raising funds for a new church. In 1959, the present church was built at a cost of \$117,000. The church held its dedication service on January 30, 1966. The church and grounds were renovated while Dr. Moses Jackson served as pastor. The consecration service of this work was led by Bishop William Oden on February 11, 1990.

SOURCE: Founder's Day Bulletin, June 10, 1990

How to Get There:

Heading west on Airline Hwy, go through Baton Rouge till you pass Hwy 110. Just over a mile further you will get to Scenic Hwy. Turn north onto Scenic Hwy. After you cross some RR tracks, the church will be on the right between Teal and Marsh Streets.



Carpenter's Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Galvez
Address	41200 Hwy. 933
Membership	401
Founded	1911

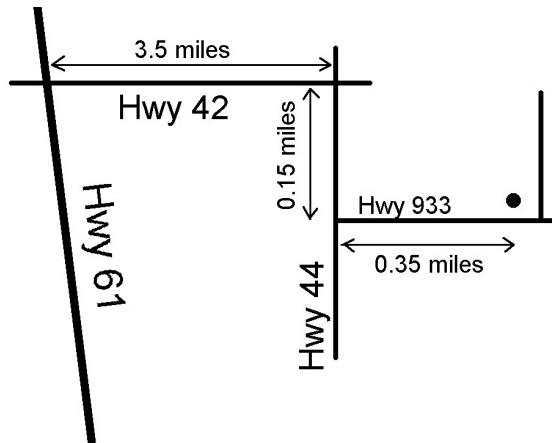
The church was organized in the spring of 1911 by Spencer J. McLean. The first services were held at a house owned by Grandpa Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter donated a lot on which to build a church. The first church was built in the fall of 1911 by Joe Dugos, Bud Carpenter, Steve Carpenter, and several others. The church was originally known as McLean's Chapel. Later, under the leadership of Rev. W.W. Bowman, the name was changed to Carpenter's Chapel.

That original wooden church served the congregation until 1965, when a new brick church was built. The new church cost \$10,952.95 and had seating for 100 people. The consecration service was held on August 1, 1965.

In 1983, two acres of land were purchased across Hwy 933. A new parsonage was built on that land. In 1997, a new sanctuary was constructed on the lot and the consecration service held on Oct. 12, 1997. Built under the leadership of Rev. Chris Blanchard, the new facility seats 300 and contains a library, nursery, fellowship hall, and classrooms. The old church across the road is still used as an activity building for the community. There is a cemetery to the rear of the church.

How to Get There:

Heading south on Airline Hwy (Hwy 61), turn left onto Hwy 42. Go down 3.5 miles and turn right onto Hwy 44. Go down 2/3 mile and turn left onto Hwy 933. The church is on the left, 1/3 of a mile down.



Center United Methodist Church



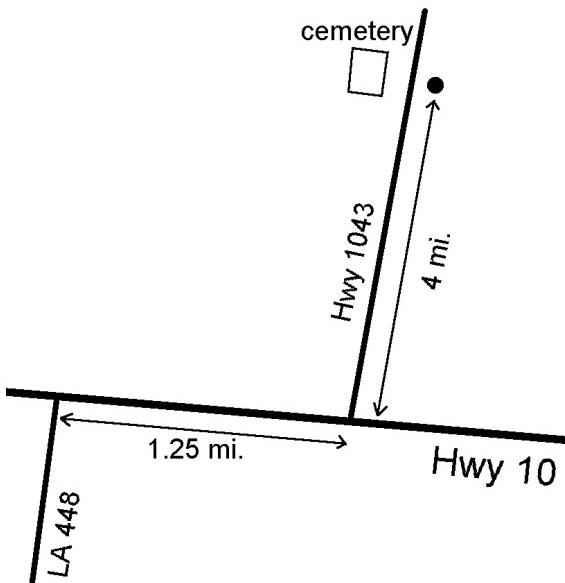
City	Darlington
Address	Hwy. 1043
Membership	32
Founded	1868

The exact founding date for the church is uncertain. We do know that Mrs. Nancy Roddy donated 4 acres of land to the congregation on August 6, 1868. The deed refers to the lot as the one on which the church stands, though we don't know how long it had been there. Mrs. Roddy's daughter, Sara Lee, donated another acre of land in 1882.

The original church was remodeled. Ten feet of its length was taken off and used to repair other parts of the church. Time took its toll on the old building. In October of 1971, it was decided that it was in bad shape and it would be better to construct a new building. A new site was chosen across the highway and the land was cleared. Construction began in February 1974 and was completed in a couple of months under the leadership of Rev. A. B. Sibley. The first service in the new church took place on April 28. The consecration service was held on February 16, 1975, and the dedication service was on April 17, 1977.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Greensburg exit. Turn west on Hwy 10 and drive towards Darlington. Turn right onto LA 1043. (This is 1.3 miles before you get to LA 448, that leads to Wesley Chapel.) The church is about 4 miles down LA 1043, on the right side of the road.



Clear Creek United Methodist Church



City	Felixville
Address	Hwy. 961
Membership	99
Founded	1870s

When Barney Pipkin arrived in the community, sometime between 1875 and 1883, he found a school house. This building, made of rough lumber about 15'x30', was across the road from the present church site. Pipkin's influence led to the formation of a Methodist congregation that met in the school house to hear "Uncle Barney" preach. This building later burned down.

Services were held in George Whites abandoned gin for two years. When Dr. Roberts donated a piece of land, Mr. Robert Brown donated the lumber to build a new church at that location in 1885.

As the congregation grew, more space was needed. An educational building, with a Fellowship Hall and Sunday School classrooms, was added in 1954, under the leadership of Rev. George Harkin. In the 1970's, a well was dug and a kitchen and 2 bathrooms were added.

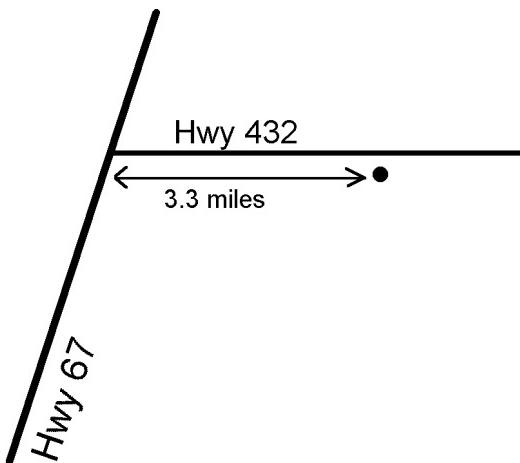
After sharing a circuit with 4 other churches for years, Clear Creek was added to the Clinton charge in 1932.

There is a cemetery to the rear of the church.

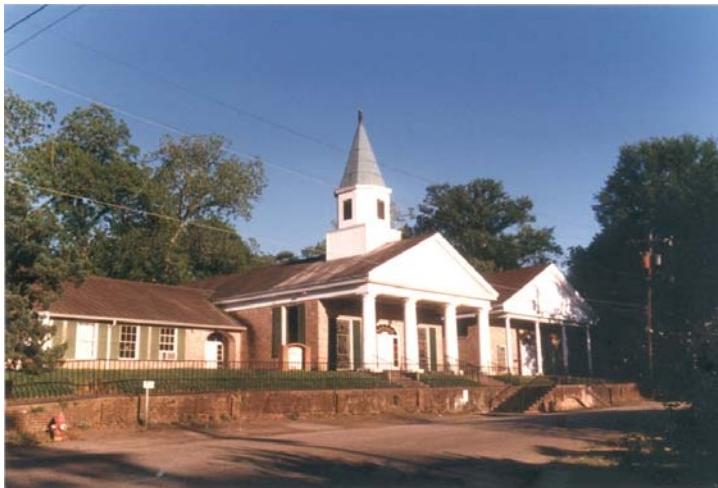
SOURCE: Clear Creek United Methodist Church Directory

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 67 north from Clinton. After going about 7-8 miles, you will turn right onto Hwy 432. After going 3.3 miles, you will see the church on the right.



First United Methodist Church - Clinton



City	Clinton
Address	11321 Old South Dr.
Membership	289
Founded	1823, 1830



1907-1958

In 1823, a group of people were led by Isaac D. Wall in the formation of a Methodist congregation. Those first services were held in the members' homes. A white frame church was constructed in 1830. Clinton first appears as a pastoral charge in 1850.

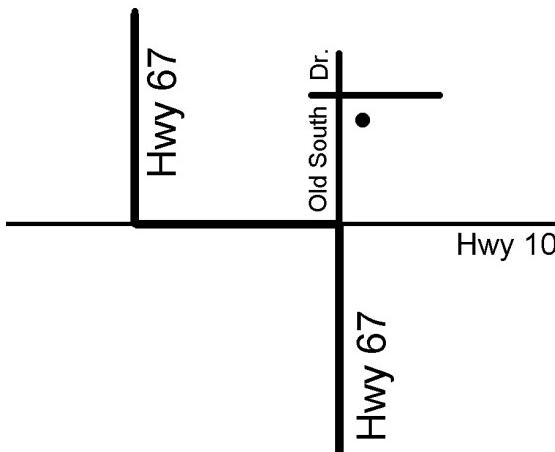
In 1907, a new brick church was built and named Mary Winans Wall Methodist Church. The congregation was surprised on a Christmas day service in 1955 when the floorboards of the church began to give way. Since the Presbyterian Church was not meeting at that time, they walked over there and Rev. Harkins accepted 7 people into the church that day. The state fire marshal later declared the church unsafe, so the congregation met at Clinton High School while a new church was built. The first service in the new church was held on June 1, 1958.

A recreational building was constructed in 1978 in honor of Joseph Embree. In 1988, the church's name was changed to Clinton United Methodist Church. On April 25, 1990, a bolt of lightning struck the bell tower and caused a fire. The fire was put out, but only after causing several thousand dollars in damage. In 1991, the church bought 2 acres of land next to the church's property from the Toler family. This will be used for future expansion.

SOURCE: Clinton United Methodist Church Directory

How to Get There:

Go to Clinton via Hwy 67. When you get into Clinton, Hwy 67 will make a left turn. If you keep going straight, you'll be on Old South Dr. The church will be just ahead on the right.



Concord United Methodist Church

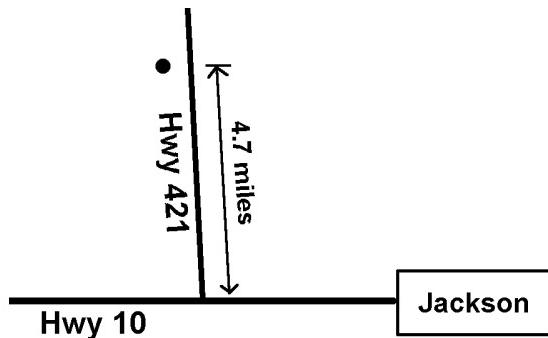


City	Rogillioville
Address	Hwy. 421
Membership	17
Founded	1810

There's a sign that says the cemetery and church site have been there since 1810. The church was rebuilt in 1945. There is a cemetery to the right of the church.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 19 north out of Baton Rouge. Turn left onto Hwy 10 (4 miles north of Ethel). Just past Jackson, take Hwy 421 north. Go north for 4.7 miles to Rogillioville. The church will be on the left.



Cooper's Chapel United Methodist Church

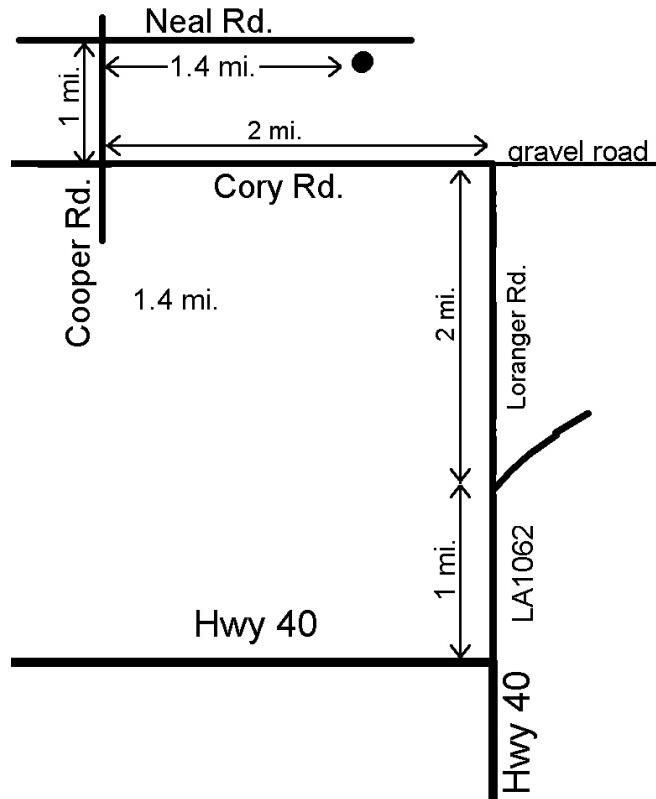


City	Loranger
Address	Neal Rd.
Membership	34
Founded	

The church began when members of the Loranger Methodist Episcopal Church wanted a church closer to their homes.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 from I-12 and take The Independence exit. Head east on Hwy 40 towards Loranger. In Loranger, Hwy 40 will turn right. At this point, turn left onto LA 1062. When the road veers right after a mile, keep left on Loranger Road. Two miles down the road stops. You'll see a gravel road to the right. Turn left onto Cory Rd. and go 2 miles to Cooper Rd. Turn right and go a mile to Neal Rd. Turn right onto Neal Rd. and go 1.4 mi. to find the church on the right.



Corbin United Methodist Church



City	Walker
Address	Mayer St.
Membership	36
Founded	1963

A group of people who lived in the Corbin area (and had been attending the Walker Church) decided to form a church of their own in 1963. Corbin was a railroad town that had earlier been annexed by Walker.

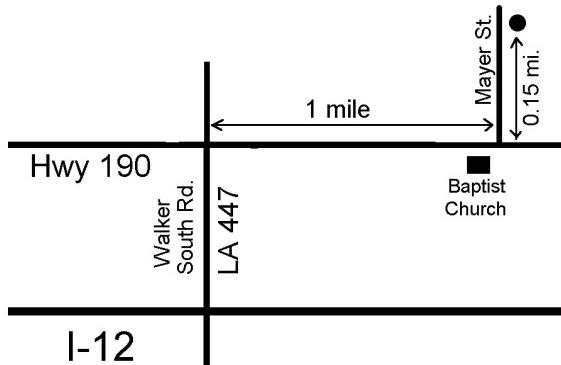
Members met at Juanita Jackson's garage until a church could be built. Services were held "at the crack of dawn", since that was the only time Rev. Ted Howes from Denham Springs could make it. Sunday school was held in the rooms of her house following the service. Prayer meetings were held in the garage on Wednesday evenings.

A call was sent out for a pastor willing to organize the fledgling congregation. They asked that whoever wished to serve the church had to have his own home as the church ... since they still did not have a church or parsonage. Rev. Art Meinke, a lay minister at Live Oak Methodist Church, accepted the role as leader of the Corbin congregation.

Glenn and Walter Coburn donated a piece of property for the new church, and the clearing of the land began on June 23, 1963. Construction began on November 3, 1963 and was completed in less than 2 months. The first service in the new church was held on January 1, 1964. The Sam Davidson Construction Company, which had built the church, donated a communion table and folding chairs to the congregation.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Walker exit at LA 447. Head north on LA 447 (Walker South Rd.). Turn right at Hwy 190 and go about one mile. Just Past the Baptist Church (on the right), you need to turn left onto Mayer St. The church is 0.15 miles down the street and on your right.



Darlington United Methodist Church



City	Chipola
Address	Route 38
Membership	19
Founded	1838

The original Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Darlington was built by Robert Williams in 1838 on the site of the Bethel Meeting House. The land for the church was donated by Walthal and Teresa Burton. The indenture for the land was dated December 13, 1837. The early church was primarily pastored by circuit riders. Services were only held once a month, though Sunday school was conducted weekly by a lay person.

In 1912, the church received 255 acres from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsey Wilson. Her father, W. H. Ramsey, Sr., was once the pastor at Darlington.

The original church was taken down in 1945 and replaced with a smaller one. Some of the old church's materials were used for the new church. The first service was held in the new church on April 12, 1946 by Rev. H. B. Crammer. The church was remodeled in 1958.

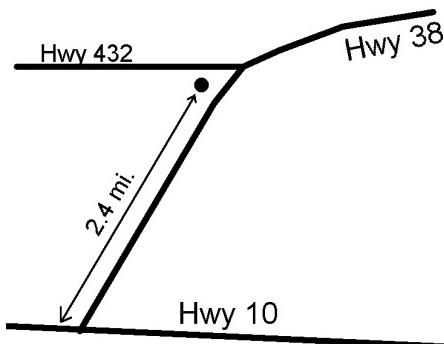
In the early 1970s, the congregation began making plans to construct additional classroom and meeting space. Finally in 1974, the decision was made to build a new sanctuary. Groundbreaking took place in November 1974, and it was completed by June 20, 1975. When the cornerstone was laid on February 27, 1975, it contained a small metal box with a Bible, a history of the church, a program of the week, the weekly newspaper, the names of the people involved, and copies of other church documents.

Source: [The First One Hundred Thirty-Eight Years of the Darlington United Methodist Church, 1837-1975](#), by Audrey C. Blades, Lanell C. Heap, Ruth C. Venable, and A. Bray Sibley

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Greensburg exit. Turn west on Hwy 10 and drive past Darlington. Turn right onto Hwy 38 and head towards Chipola. After about 2.4 miles, just before LA 432 merges with Hwy 38 from the left, you will see the church set back on the left side of the road.

You can also continue all the way to the Kentwood exit (#61) and take Hwy 38 west.



Day's United Methodist Church



City	Easleyville
Address	Hwy. 43
Membership	96
Founded	1837

On August 15, 1837, William and Dicy Day donated 2 acres of land to the Methodist Episcopal Church. The land was located near Day's home ... bounded on the north by his Spring Branch, on the east by the road running parallel with the Tickfaw River to the State Line, and on the south and west by forest. Willam Day had settled in the area in 1802. A plaque on the church says that it was organized in 1806.

Tradition says that the area, known as Day's Camp Ground, had been in use for a number of years before 1837. It was designated as an historic site of Louisiana Methodoidsm in the Bicentennial Year.

One of the trustees in 1837 was William Venables. He had come to the area in the company of Methodist circuit rider Lorenzo Dow and was a well-known local preacher.

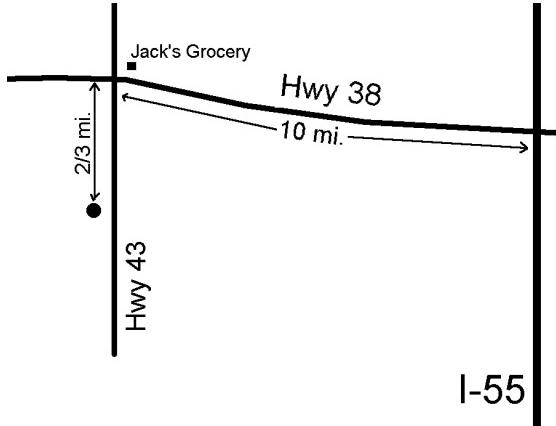
Thomas Gordon Day, grandson of the Days, donated another 2 acres to the church in 1893 to be used as a cemetery.

The original church of hand-hewn lumber was used until 1908. Since membership had grown, a larger building was needed. The old church continued to function as a community center and Woodman of the World Hall until it was taken down in the early 1940s. Today's church, built in 1967, is the third building built by the congregation.

Source: 1987 Commemorative Services booklet

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Greensburg exit. Turn west on Hwy 10 and drive about 10 miles to Easleyville. Turn left onto Hwy 43 at Jack's Grocery. The church is 2/3 mi. down the road on the right side.



Deerford United Methodist Church



City	Deerford
Address	Hwy. 64
Membership	87
Founded	1883

The Deerford United Methodist Church started with some of the members from Pipkin Chapel. Pipkin Chapel had been formed before the Civil War. The first congregation at Deerford held services in a brush arbor built for preaching services and camp meetings. A Grange Hall was later built by local farmers and the congregation met in the hall. The Deerford Methodist Church was established by December 1883.

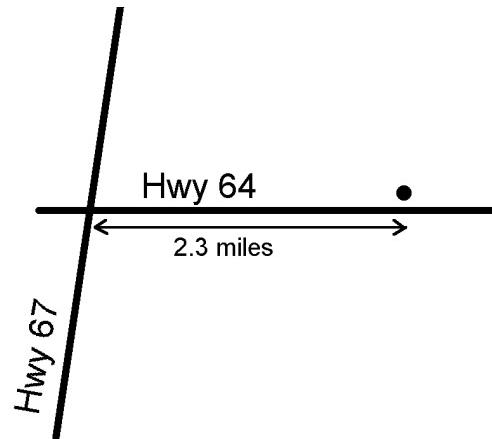
The church was built on an acre of land that was purchased from Joseph Millican (a member of the congregation) in September of 1887 for \$5. The church was on a circuit with Blackwater, Brookstown, Deerford, and Pipkin Chapel. When Pipkin Chapel closed in 1898, Deerford became part of the Baker circuit. By 1844, some of the churches were taken off of the circuit and only Baker and Deerford remained. When Baker became its own charge, Deerford was served by the pastor from Baker or Zachary till 1949.

In the 1940's, the "hut" was built for the youth to use for activities. The parsonage was built in 1949, and the church became a full time ministry. A new church was soon built, with the first service being held on Easter Sunday, 1951.

The church is currently on a circuit with St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 67 to Zachary. Turn right onto Hwy 64. Head east for 2.3 miles. The church is on the left.



First United Methodist Church – Denham Springs



City	Denham Springs
Address	319 Mattie St.
Membership	1095
Founded	1899

In 1898, the Methodist Camp Meeting Association built an open-sided, tin-roofed tabernacle at the end of Tabernacle Street near the Amite River. Rev. J. Martin Alford from Live Oak Methodist Episcopal Church started holding services at the tabernacle once a month. In 1899, he organized a church with 19 charter members. The first church was constructed in 1902 across Center Street from the tabernacle. It consisted of one large room that was curtained off for Sunday school classes. There was a parsonage behind the church at the corner of Magnolia and Center Streets. About 1917, the church was rolled to Main Street at the edge of a canal (on land now crossed by Magnolia St.).

Ice cream was sold at lawn parties to help finance the church, which had a pump organ that squeaked and was lighted with coal oil lamps. Children and young people gathered on Sunday evenings for worship and fellowship.

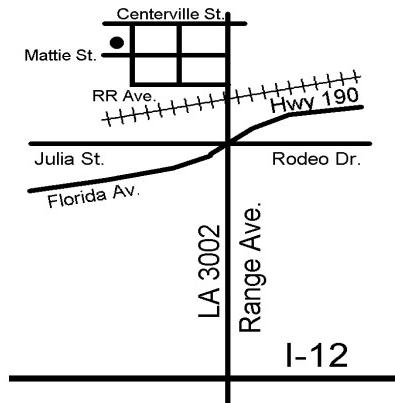
The church was badly damaged by flood waters from the Amite River in 1925. It was not the first nor the last time. While Rev. Joses S. Rutlege was pastor (circa 1920), water rose to the ceiling of the parsonage and the family had to be evacuated by boat. In 1927, a new church was built (on higher ground) on Mattie Street ... across from the present sanctuary. The parsonage now stands on that location. The 1927 white frame church had a steeple with a bell to summon the members to worship. Sunday school rooms (including one called the Upper Room), a kitchen, and a pastor's study were also built.

As the church grew, larger facilities were needed. A new church was built across the street from the old church (which was still used as a Sunday school building). The first service in the new sanctuary was held on March 30, 1952. An educational building was constructed 5 years later. When the sanctuary burned down on January 13, 1973, services were held at the fellowship hall and high school gym while a new sanctuary (with the same design as the old one) was built.

The Connie Smith Prayer Chapel, dedicated on April 20, 1975, was built by Mabel and George Smith in memory of their daughter. It is open 24 hours a day for prayer and meditation. A Family Life Center was also built to provide additional space for fellowship, recreation, and worship.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Denham Springs exit and head north on LA 3002 (Range Ave.). Once you pass the RR tracks, you need to take the second street on your left (Mattie St.). The church will be 2 blocks further, on your right. Note: Mattie St. is a one way street, to the west.



Ethel United Methodist Church



City	Ethel
Address	Hwy. 955
Membership	77
Founded	1902

Although Mrs. E.E. Rogillio has evidence that the church existed as early as 1896, the first church record dates back to 1901. The Methodists were worshiping with the Presbyterians. When the Presbyterian congregation declined, the property was given to the Methodists. That 1901 record is from the Conference Journal, where Rev. W.H. Nelson notes that there were 16 members at Ethel and 2 infants were baptized that year.

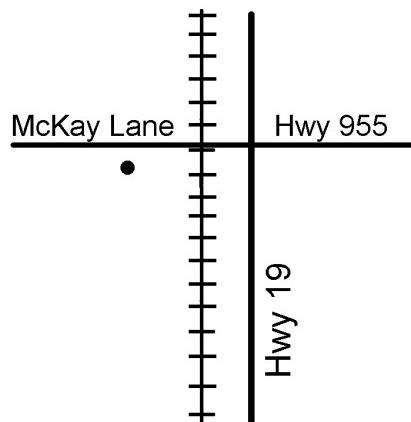
On January 4, 1909, a storm damaged the Ethel church and destroyed a nearby black church. The materials from the Ethel church were given to the black congregation so that they could rebuild their church. Though there are no records of the construction of a new Ethel Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Worthy gave the church 2 lots of land (worth \$200) on February 6, 1909. There is still a bell on the property titled the William W. Worthy Bell, noted as being given in 1909. In 1927, under the leadership of Rev. J. Henry Bowden, an addition was made to the church.

In 1978, property was given to the church in memory of the Dobrowolski family.

SOURCE: "Ethel Methodist Church, A Heritage" by Mamie J. Moody and Elaine W. Roddy

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 19 north out of Baton Rouge. When you get to the town of Ethel, turn left on Hwy 955 (McKay Lane). After crossing the RR tracks, you will see the church on the left after about 100 yards.



Faithful United Methodist Church



City	St. Amant
Address	14253 Hwy. 431
Membership	135
Founded	1930

On June 28, 1930, the Faithful Methodist Church was Organized with 11 charter members. A wooden church, called "The Old Smokehouse Church" was soon build on Hwy 931.

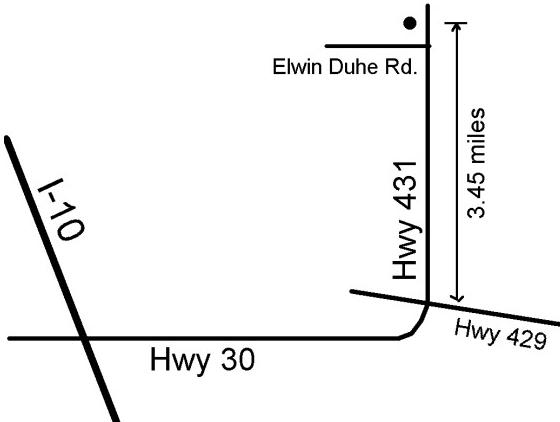
Years later, the Wade Singletary family donated 5 acres of land to the church. The church was moved to the property on Hwy 431. A new church was later built at the site, in 1956. The old church was used for Sunday School classes. When a new Fellowship Hall and Sunday School building was built (dedicated Sept. 8, 1963), the old church was dismantled and the lumber given away.

Faithful and other churches on the circuit built a parsonage in Gonzales. The parsonage was dedicated on March 20, 1949. Later, in 1972, the Faithful congregation built its own parsonage.

The church and Fellowship Hall have been remodeled in recent years, including new windows, carpet, paint, and flooring.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take the Hwy 30 exit and head east into Gonzales. Shortly after crossing Hwy 61, the road will turn to the left (and becomes Hwy 431). The church will be on the left, 3.5 miles down the road.



Francis Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	15447 Old Hammond Hwy.
Membership	164
Founded	1966

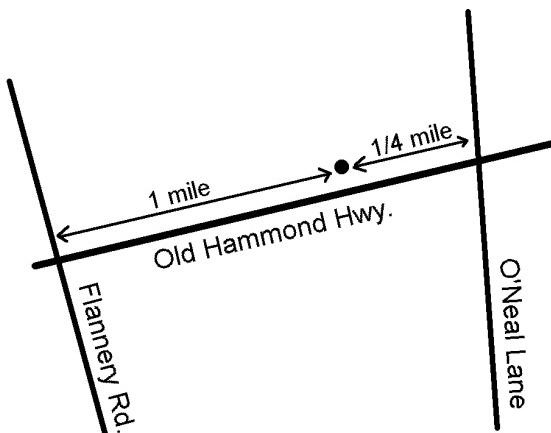
In early 1966, Rev. Frank Robinson was sent to organize a new Methodist Church in the eastern part of East Baton Rouge Parish. He spent his first few months visiting with families in the area. When the Louisiana Conference and District leaders purchased 10.6 acres of land at 15447 Old Hammond Hwy, 3 acres were deeded to the new church. In May, the first service was held in a tent (with a sawdust floor) on the property. They decided to name the church after the great Methodist, Francis Asbury.

The initial congregation of 60 people soon started on their first building ... now being used as the education building ... in the summer of 1967. The Anna Gray Noe Memorial Organ was donated to the church in 1971. In 1972, the Corbin United Methodist Church was added to Asbury. And in 1973, the Joel Hedrick family donated their equity in a home to be used as a parsonage. A new parking lot was constructed.

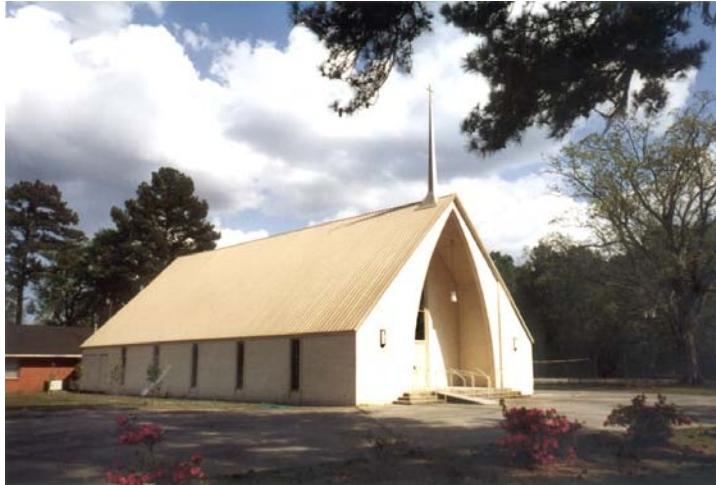
As the church grew in membership, a larger church was needed. The present sanctuary was completed in May, 1977. Since then, the education building, sanctuary, and kitchen have undergone renovations. A reconditioned building was constructed in 1976-1977 to increase space. A plan, called "Realizing the Vision", was undertaken in 1996 to renovate the sanctuary. Construction was schedule to begin in the summer of 1997.

How to Get There:

From Airline Hwy, turn east onto Old Hammond Hwy. About a mile after you cross Flannery Rd., the church will be on the left. If coming from the east, you can turn N from I-12 (or S from Florida Blvd.) onto O'Neal Lane; then turn west onto Old Hammond Hwy. The church is located 1/4 mile west of O'Neal Lane.



Friendship United Methodist Church



City	Walker
Address	13085 Friendship Rd.
Membership	82
Founded	1860

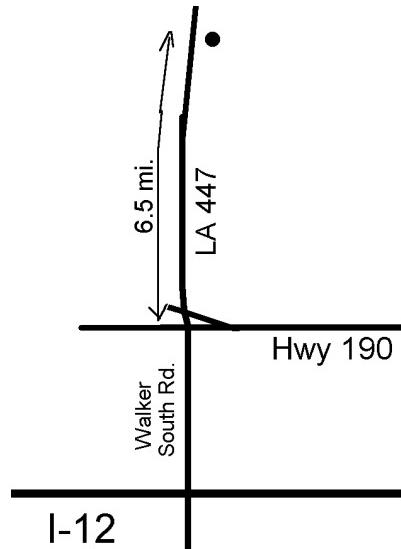
Around 1860 (or perhaps earlier), the Friendship Brush Arbor was organized. It was located on Hwy 1019. It is known that Confederate soldiers passing through used to stop at the church for milk and cornbread. In the mid 1870s, the church was moved to the John Pascal Covington location. In 1905, the church moved about a quarter mile away to its present site. Tom Hall, Sr. donated land to the congregation so that a church would be built by the white oak tree. That small tree of 1905 has grown into today's majestic oak.

Logs were cut by men of the church to frame the church. Volunteers "roved and drawed" the pine boards to cover the church. Tom Hall, Sr. was hired to oversee the work for \$1 a day. A cemetery was set aside next to the church and serves as the resting place for many former members. In those early days, the church was served by circuit riders who often held services on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon. In 1916, Mangum Chapel was organized as a branch church because of poor travel conditions.

Under the leadership of Rev. E. J. Martin, an educational building was constructed in 1964. A new sanctuary was constructed in 1973-74. Rev. M. L. Davis was pastor when the first service was held in the new church on the first Sunday of February 1975. For the 1975-76 year, Rev. P. W. Sibley came out of retirement to become Friendship's first full time pastor. The new parsonage, built on land donated by John Coxe, Sr., was completed under his leadership.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Walker exit at LA 447. Head north on LA 447 (Walker South Rd.). The church will be on the right side of the road, 6.5 miles past Hwy 190.



First United Methodist Church - Gonzales



City	Gonzales
Address	224 W. Constitution St.
Membership	612
Founded	1949

The process of forming a church in the area began in 1948. Led by Ruth Taylor Mott, twenty-five signatures were presented to the Louisiana Conference to formally begin a new church. The petition for the formation of the B.T. Gallaher Memorial Church was approved by the Conference on October 11, 1949. The Conference gave them the old Gilead Methodist church building. It was disassembled at its location in East Feliciana and rebuilt at the corner of Pine and Magnolia in Gonzales. The Gilead pulpit, made by slaves in 1853, was taken apart and reassembled. In June 1950, six men of the church carried the altar into the sanctuary and put it into place as worship services began in the church.

A parsonage was purchased in 1961. An education building was built the following year. In 1966, two large rooms were added to accommodate the growing congregation. In 1967, four acres of land were purchased and construction soon began on a new church and education building. Services were held for a time at the Gonzales Elementary School before construction was completed. The first service in the new sanctuary was held on November 15, 1970.

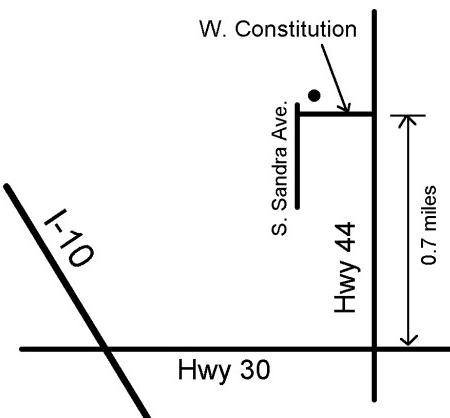
In 1985, the existing sanctuary was converted into a fellowship hall and a new sanctuary was built. The first service in the new sanctuary was held in December of that year. The stained glass "I Am" windows, created by Baton Rouge artist Steven Wilson, were dedicated on September 20, 1998. The altar from the old church now stands by the north wall of the sanctuary's foyer.

The current parsonage was built in 1993. The name of the church was officially changed to First United Methodist Church of Gonzales that year. The church paid off the mortgage in 2000, the year of the church's 50th anniversary.

In September 2003, the church began holding a contemporary worship service, called "First Light." Construction of a new administration/nursery building and multipurpose facility began in October 2003. It was to be completed in 2004.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take the Hwy 30 exit east into Gonzales. Turn left onto Hwy 44. After 0.7 miles, turn left onto W. Constitution St. The church is just ahead on the right.



Greensburg United Methodist Church



City	Greensburg
Address	Hwy. 10
Membership	129
Founded	1830s

By 1837, Greensburg was organized into a district of 3 circuits. William Venerable was appointed minister to the Greensburg circuit. It was said that he could pray the shingles off a house if he so desired.

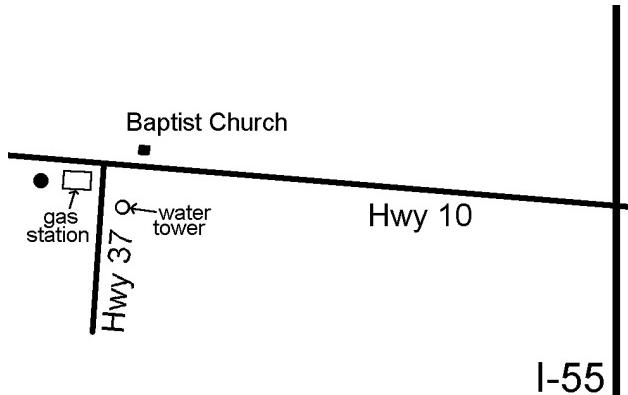
In the 1860's, the local schools were in bad shaped. The church was used as for these academies as well as a church for a while. This assistance to education by Methodists would continue. By 1880, the Norvialla Academy was offering (to all denominations) offered an education equal to a college education. Johnson Academy for Methodists was organized in 1890.

In 1878, a proper deed for the church property was legalized. The original name for the Greensburg circuit was Kendrick's Chapel. This was located near Bubba Dunn's Service Station.

The present church was built in 1952.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Greensburg exit. Turn west on Hwy 10 and drive to Greensburg. When you get to a Baptist Church (on the right), look for a Mobil gas station at the junction with Hwy 37. The church is on the left just past the gas station.



First United Methodist Church - Hammond



City	Hammond
Address	2200 Rue Denise
Membership	557
Founded	1889



1899-1937

A Methodist Episcopal Church (northern branch) was established in Hammond in 1879, though it was later abandoned. By 1889, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South organized a congregation of 12 members. Early services were held in the old City Hall, and later in a small building at the corner of West Thomas and North Oak Streets. The minister from Ponchatoula would drive to Hammond to conduct services. The first real church building was constructed in 1899 at the corner of North Cypress and East Robert Streets. In 1937, the church was moved to North Holly and Charles Streets.

The first parsonage, located at 402 East Hanson Street, was purchased by the church's Ladies Aid Society. The payments were \$11 a month. In 1950, a new parsonage was built on 701 East Thomas. At a later date, the church purchased the present parsonage at 205 College Dr.

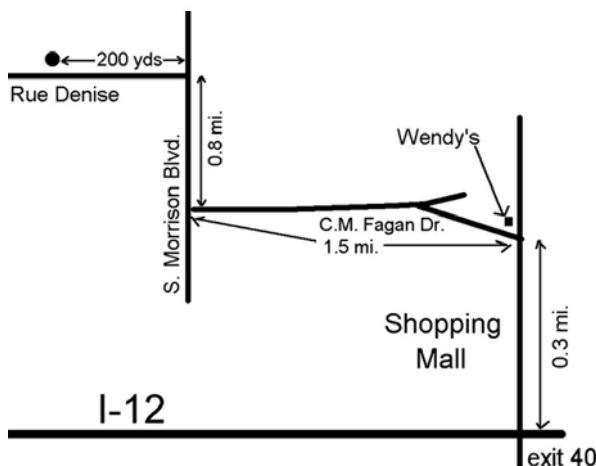
A Sunday school building was built in 1913. A tower and chimes, erected in 1939, were donated by Mrs. C. T. Scarbrough in the name of the Faithful Workers Ladies Bible Class.

By the late 1970's it became apparent that a new church was needed. The old church property was sold to the city for \$350,000 in 1984. The new church was built on property donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Durham, Sr.

Source: [History of First Methodist Church](#), W.L. Jennings and Bill Clark

How to Get There:

From I-12, take exit #40 into Hammond. Pass the mall (on your left) and turn left at the street right before Wendy's. Go 1.5 mi. on C.M. Fagan Dr. till you get to S. Morrison Blvd. The Holiday Inn should be across the road. Turn right and go 0.8 mi. Turn left onto Rue Denise. The church is 200 yards down to the right.



Hope Community United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	4260 Evangeline St.
Membership	
Founded	2002

Methodism in north Baton Rouge began with the Istrouma church back in 1917, when members of First Church decided to help start a congregation at Istrouma. The North Baton Rouge church began in 1942, when Methodists in the community felt the need for a Methodist Church. Winbourne began in 1946, with 10 charter members holding services in a tent. When the membership of the three churches declined in the 1980s, the congregations merged to form the Evangeline United Methodist Church. That church was chartered on March 29, 1990 under pastor Rev. Carol Winn.

Evangeline closed in 2001, and the Hope Community United Methodist Church began on June 16, 2002 in the Evangeline church facilities. The mission of the church is "To be a source of light in the midst of hurts and hopelessness through enabling ministries that offer the saving grace of Jesus Christ." The church strives to be a church where caring hands heal hurting hearts.

The first pastor of Hope Community was Rev. H. Louis Jones. To foster relationships with the community, Breakfast and Bible Studies Ministries and Friday Night Fellowships were begun. A Summer Celebration was soon held and membership began to grow from the initial seven members.

A full slate of church activities .. from Sunday School classes to choirs to liturgical dancers ... were soon initiated. The church became involved with community outreach through Head Start, a Summer Enrichment program, a health fair, and tutoring and mentoring programs.

A Chartered Membership Campaign was begun on March 30, 2003. The church's first baptisms were three children on July 20, 2003. Rev. Brunetta Shamlin was added to the staff as the Minister of Christian Education.

How to Get There:

Take Airline Hwy. to north Baton Rouge. A little over a mile after you've crossed Greenwell Springs Rd. you will turn left onto Evangeline. The church will be on the left, at the SW corner of Evangeline and Lemonwood. Evangeline Park is opposite the church on the right side of the street.

Huff Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Killian
Address	1000 Huff Chapel Rd.
Membership	99
Founded	1890

Services first began under brush arbors. A Methodist building was constructed at some point after the Civil War. Both Methodists and Baptists worshipped at the site, located around Bull Run Road near a Davidson cemetery. Circuit riders would hold services once a month.

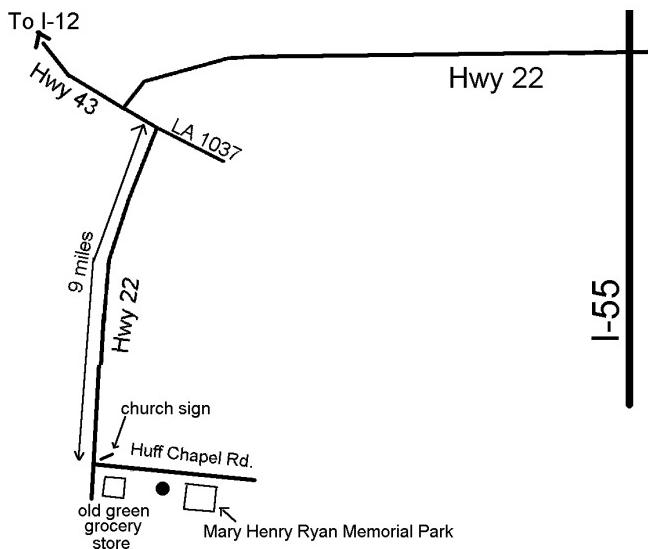
The Methodist became more organized under one of those circuit riders, George W. Huff. A church was built on land donated by Adolphus Rousseaux. It consisted of two acres behind the old Forbes house. High flood water allowed the men to float logs to John Davidson's mill to be cut for the new church. That same high water also made it difficult for the pastor to travel to town over the years. The building was completed in 1890. The church was named after its first pastor. For years, the church was known for Saturday dinners called Children's Day.

At some point before 1940, the church was moved to two acres at its present location. Sunday school rooms were built. In 1964, hurricane Betsy destroyed the church facilities. Services continued at an old store south of the Killian Baptist Church. A new church was built by Rev. John Barber (of the Springfield UMC) while Rev. John Sayes served as pastor. A kitchen, another room, and restrooms were later added under the leadership of Rev. Larry Stafford.

A memorial park was added in 1985-90. An education building was completed in 1990 under the leadership of Rev. Gene Faurie and was dedicated on October 14, 1990.

How to Get There:

From I-55, take the Ponchatoula exit and head west on Hwy 22. When you get into Springfield, the hwy will make a left turn. Stay on Hwy 22 as it makes a right turn. Nine miles down the road you will see an old grocery store and a church sign to your left. Turn left on a road at that point and the church is just ahead on the right. OR, you could also take the Springfield-Pumpkin Corner exit from I-55 and head south into Springfield on Hwy 43. When you get to the Springfield UMC, Hwy 43 merges with Hwy 22. Stay on Hwy 43/22 and it will make a right turn. Turn left at the old grocery store 9 miles down the road and the church will be on your right on Huff Chapel Rd.



Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	802 N. 38 th St.
Membership	120
Founded	1927

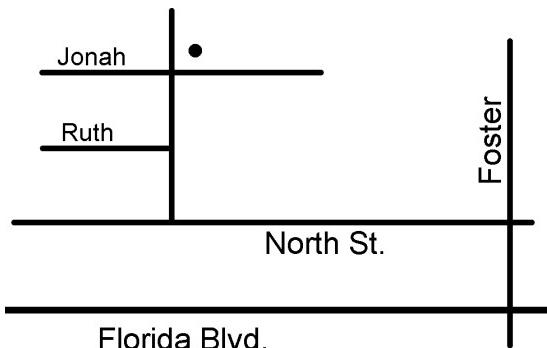


The Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church was founded in 1927 by a small group of people in the Eden Park area. They were led by Rev. Fate Thomas. They started out worshiping in a brush arbor until a small church could be built. The second church was built in 1935. The current sanctuary building was constructed in 1972 and consecrated on Jan. 28, 1973. The pastor at that time was Rev. W. J. Miller.

The church has been served by the following pastors: Fate Thomas, Slone, J.S. Dixon, C.T. Wethers, William Jarrell, A.E. Edwards, W.H. Willis, J.F. Johnson, E.C. Slater, W.D. Martin, William Miller.

How to Get There:

Head west on Florida Blvd. (from Airline Hwy). Turn right onto Foster, then left onto North St. You will pass Roselawn Cemetery on your right. Just after the cemetery, turn right onto N. 38th St. The church will be 2 blocks down on the right ... at the corner of N. 38th St. and Jonah



Independence United Methodist Church



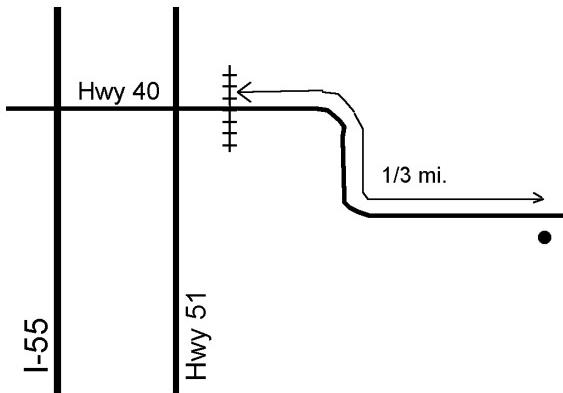
City	Independence
Address	Hwy. 40
Membership	12
Founded	1955

When the church was first organized in May 1955, services were held at the American Legion Hall. They were later moved to the Italian Baptist Mission. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Paul Carroll.

Construction on the church began in October 1956, and it was completed by April 1957. The church's debts were paid off by 1965 under the leadership of Rev. A.D. George. The dedication service on November 7, 1965 was led by Bishop Aubrey Walton and District Superintendent Dr. Bentley Sloane.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 from I-12 and take the Independence exit. Head east on Hwy 40. About 1/3 mi. past the RR tracks, you will see the church on the right.



Ingleside United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	4264 Capitol Heights Ave.
Membership	299
Founded	1946

A group of Methodist ministers made a series of evangelism visits in Baton Rouge. This led to the organization of the East Baton Rouge Methodist Church on March 10, 1946. They met in the Bernard Torrace School on Edison St. The Sunday School began the following Sunday. The Woman's Society was organized on March 26, 1946 with 21 members. There were 77 charter members as of May 19, 1946.

First Methodist Church purchased 3 lots (for \$4,500) at the corner of Ingleside and Capital Heights and gave the property to the new congregation. A surplus Army Chapel was purchased the following year and moved to the site. The name was changed to Ingleside Methodist Church on May 5, 1947. Services started in the chapel on November 23, 1947. The church was dedicated to the memory of WW II veterans on Jan. 25, 1948 by Bishop Martin.

A surplus Army building, costing \$700, was purchased and placed next to the church in 1949. It served as the educational building. Pastors lived in rent houses until 1951, when a parsonage was purchased at 1411 Audubon for \$14,650. In May, 1953, 3 lots on Glenmore and Capital Heights were purchased. The church property mortgage was burned in June of 1955.

In 1957, two lots facing Ingleside were purchased. The Children's Division Educational Building was opened that year. Construction began on a new sanctuary in 1961. The first service in the new church was held February 18, 1962. A parsonage was built on Hibiscus Dr. in 1965 for \$35,000. A house on Ingleside Dr. was purchased by the church in 1967. Two more lots on Ingleside were bought in 1970 to provide additional parking space. The old sanctuary and annex were also torn down to provide parking space.

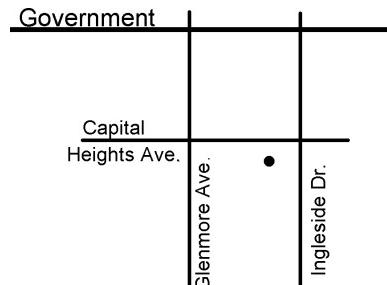
The third phase of the building campaign began in 1970. It included: additional classrooms, a parlor, a fellowship hall, a library, and a craft room. Begun in 1972, the addition was completed in 1973 and named after Ingleside's first pastor, Luther L. Booth.

As the population of Baton Rouge spread out in the 1970's and 1980's, the membership at Ingleside declined. The church purchased a house at 702 Ingleside Dr. that would house members of the staff. The church purchased two more houses and a lot on Glenmore Dr.

In the 1990's, the 2 houses on Ingleside Dr. were sold, and the houses on the Glenmore lots were sold and moved. Renovation work was done on the sanctuary in 1995. Work was begun to convert the 3 lots on Glenmore Dr. into "Jubilee Park" ... a playground for children and an outdoor gathering place.

How to Get There:

From downtown Baton Rouge, head east on Government St. Turn right onto Ingleside Dr. The church is one block down on the right (at the SW corner of Ingleside and Capital Heights).



Jackson United Methodist Church



City	Jackson
Address	1727 Sycamore St.
Membership	270
Founded	1854

Methodist preaching in Jackson dates back to the early 1800's, when it was part of the Natchez and Wilkinson circuits. It was put on the Feliciana circuit in 1827, and then on the Jackson circuit in 1851. It was a part of the Mississippi Conference until 1894.

On January 10, 1854, Centenary College donated a tract of land, one block from the college, to the church. A new church was built under the leadership of Rev. A.T.M. Fly. It was dedicated on March 4, 1855 when the Mississippi Annual Conference was held at the church. The church, built at a cost of \$9000, was pastored at that time by Rev. Almerin G. Miller. Documentation for an earlier church is lacking, though there is a document that notes the Baptists bought a lot from the Methodists. This lot is located at the old post office site.

The original church bell was donated to the Confederacy during the Civil War and melted down for bullets. The present bell comes from plantation owner Stephen E. Beauchamp, who donated it to the church after the war.

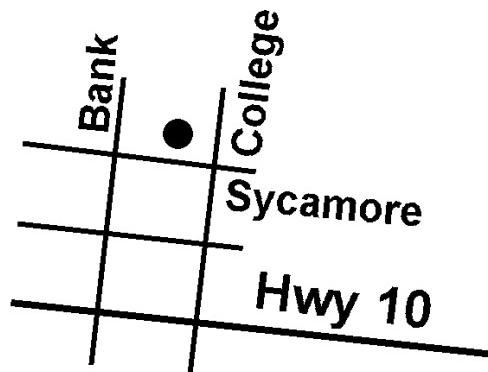
Renovations were done on the church in 1952-1953. Additional structures were added in 1958-1959. In the mid 1980's, an education building was constructed. The consecration service was held March 24, 1985. A new parsonage, on the same block as the church, was built in 2002.

The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was designated a Historic Site by the Louisiana Conference.

SOURCE: "History of the Jackson Methodist Church"

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 61 north out of Baton Rouge. Turn right onto Hwy 68 just past Port Hudson. Turn left on Hwy 10 and head west into Jackson. Turn right onto Bank St. The second crossing street is Sycamore. The church is on the SE corner of Ball and Sycamore.



Jackson Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Zachary
Address	New Weis & Baker Ave.
Membership	83
Founded	1907



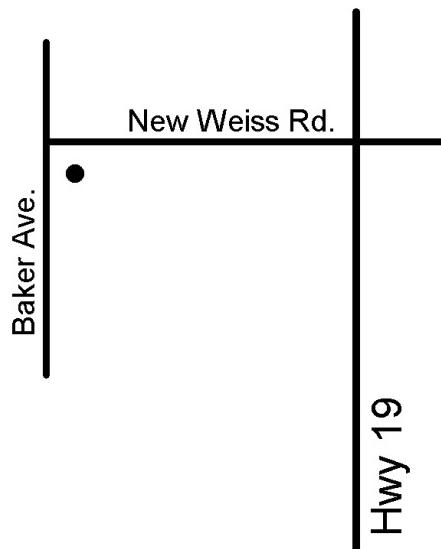
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The Jackson Chapel church has its beginnings in the Albert Chapel Methodist Church. Jackson Chapel "began" in June, 1907, under the leadership of Rev. F.D. Thomas. It was named after Ike Jackson. A group of trustees was appointed to lead the church; they were: Hampt Johnson, Ike Jackson, Lewis Pernell, Prime Williams, John T. Harrell, Lewis Moore, Jim Margon, Adderson Knighten, Sr., and Caleb Cathern. As time passed, they were replaced by other members who carried on the work of the church.

"These few faithful members of the Jackson Chapel United Methodist Church, although small in number, are doing their very best to push the little church forward to the mark of a high calling, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, and Savior."

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 19 north to Zachary. Turn left onto New Weiss Road. The road ends when it hits Baker Ave. The church will be on the left at that junction.



James Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Holden
Address	61510 Queen Anne Dr.
Membership	90
Founded	1840

Peter James donated land for a church back in 1840. It was located on Hwy 41, near the present day home of church member Hazel Sanders. The money for the original church (and school) was contributed by Pierre Lavigne and Mrs. George Ballard (Peter James' sister).

The current site was known as Hickory Hill. Land for the church was donated by Gerhard H.A. Thomas on September 29, 1890. John Ballard was the first person buried at this site. The new church was dedicated in 1918 under the leadership of Rev. Calvin C. Fayard. The front porch with handicap approach was later added.

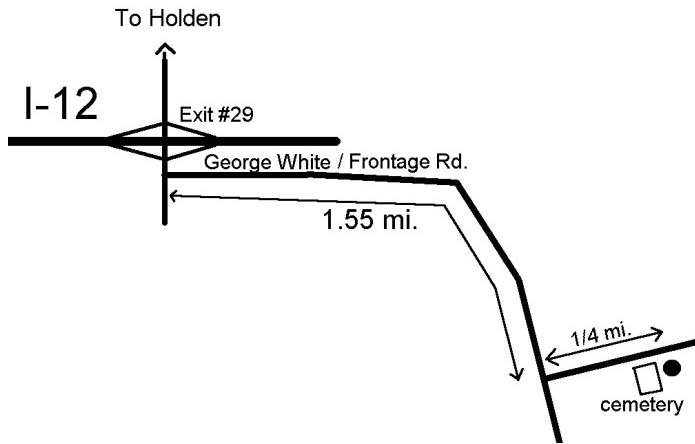
Homecoming is held each year in the fall. The church is active in the Alpha program, Walk to Emmaus, the Son Shine Food Pantry, and a soup ministry to local shut-ins.



Dedication, 1918

How to Get There:

Head west on I-12 from I-55. After about 10 miles, you'll get to the Holden exit. Take this exit and turn south. Just after you go past I-12, there will be a road (Frontage Rd./George White Rd.) to your left. You should see the church sign. Take a left onto this road and drive for about 1.5 miles. The road curves to the right. You'll see a church sign and will turn left onto that road. The church is on the right, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. down the road.



Jefferson United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	10328 Jefferson Hwy.
Membership	917
Founded	1958

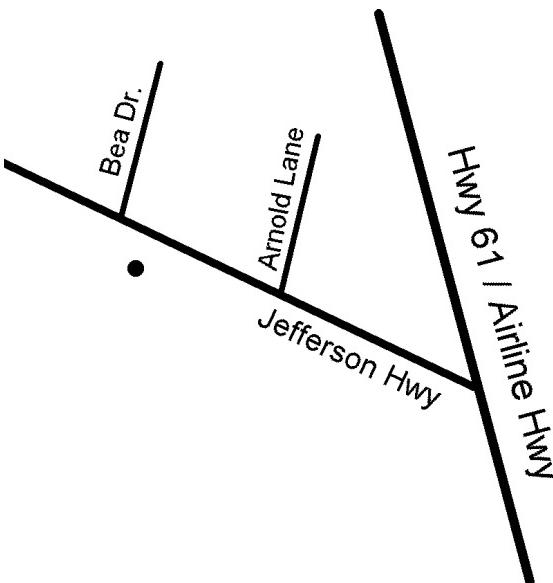
On October 5, 1958, a group of 39 people met at the Jefferson Terrace Elementary School for a Founding Day worship service. The service was led by the Baton Rouge District Superintendent, Rev. D.W. Poole. The church was officially organized on January 11, 1959. Rev. Stone Caraway was appointed as the first pastor. The charter membership as of that date was 72.

Construction on the church began on May 15, 1960, and the first service in the new church was held on October 30, 1960. There were 212 people in the service, and 161 in Sunday School. The educational building and administrative building were completed in September of 1964.

The present sanctuary was consecrated on September 1, 1975, under the leadership of Rev. Sale T. Lilly, Jr.

How to Get There:

Head south on Airline Hwy out of Baton Rouge. A little over a mile past I-12, you will turn right onto Jefferson Hwy. The church is just ahead on the left.



Jordan United Methodist Church



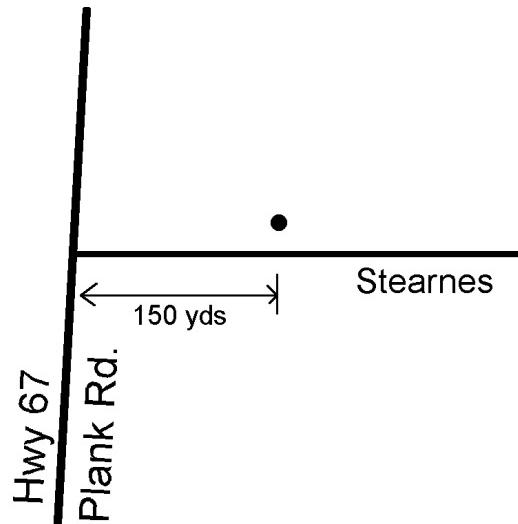
City	Baton Rouge
Address	4619 Stearns Rd.
Membership	274
Founded	1898

Under the leadership of Mr. Edward Jordan, a small group of people founded the Jordon Chapel Methodist Church in 1898. The first services were held in the home of Mrs. Abbie Robinson Douglas. She also led in raising the funds for the construction of a church. The church was built on Plank Road, 4 blocks north of Airline Hwy.

The church was officially organized under Rev. Rolan in 1904. Under the leadership of Rev. S.J. Jackson, the church was moved to its present location. The present church was constructed in 1955 under the leadership of Rev. W.C. August, Sr.. The name was changed to Jordan Methodist Church at this time. Under the leadership of Rev. W.R. Lafayette, four lots were purchased in 1969 (for \$4000). A new educational building was built on this site.

How to Get There:

Head north on Plank Road. Less than a mile north of Airline Hwy., turn right onto Stearnes Rd. The church is about 150 yards down the road on the left.



Kentwood United Methodist Church



City	Kentwood
Address	Avenue F
Membership	97
Founded	1892

The first signs of religious activity in Kentwood date back to 1889, when general religious meetings were held in a school built that year. The Kentwood Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized as a charge on the Amite Circuit in 1892. Fred Woolver donated a lot for the church on December 1, 1892, though the building wasn't finished construction until 1896, under the leadership of Rev. S. S. Keener. It was Rev. Keener who organized the building fund. The local paper recalls that the church was raised on August 29, 1896. The steeple contained a 500 pound bell that had been ordered by Mayor Ball and Dr. Reeves. The steeple was later (early 1930s) removed due to deteriorating lumber and the weight of the bell. The dedication service for the church was led by Rev. Harry W. May on November 19, 1899. The charter for the church was drawn up on November 11, 1907.

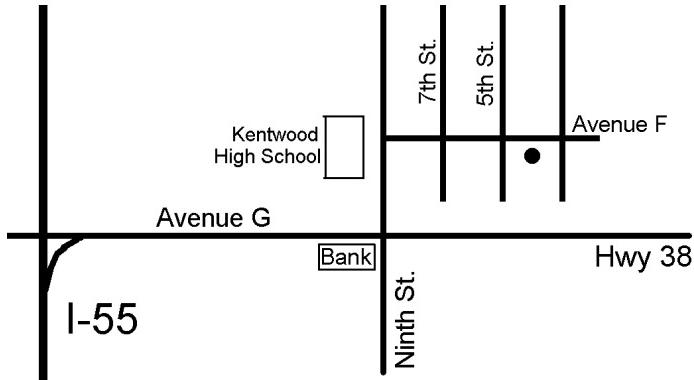
The church experienced rapid growth in those early years. In one quarter of 1905, the records show that the preacher was paid the sum of \$16.45. Only 2 years later, the pastor was paid \$231.45 for a quarter. By 1913, church membership was up to 600.

A Sunday school was organized on October 31, 1896 with P.J. Whitley as Superintendent. The first parsonage was built in 1902. It was replaced in 1962 when the present parsonage was purchased. The present educational building was built when Rev. A. G. Taylor was pastor and was dedicated on January 13, 1951.

The church was remodeled in the late 1950s. This included refinishing the interior, building a slender spire, installing air conditioning and heating, and veneering the exterior with brick. The work was completed in 1959 and dedicated in 1963.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 to and take the exit at Kentwood. Head east on Hwy 38 (Avenue G). When you get to Ninth St. (a bank will be on your right), take a left. You'll see the high school on your left. Turn right after 1 block onto Avenue F. The church is 2 1/2 blocks down, on the right side of the street.



Lee's Landing United Methodist Church



City	Lee's Landing
Address	38346 Lee's Landing Rd.
Membership	93
Founded	1912

A Union Sunday school was organized at Lee's Landing in May of 1912. The leader was Rev. T. M. Burgess ... pastor at Amite. Services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in an old rice shed. The building was also used as a school during the week and for dances on Saturday nights.

Two months later, in July 1912, Lee's Landing Methodist Episcopal Church was organized with 18 members. The congregation was served by Rev. T. M. Burgess and Rev. W. T. Currie until Rev. J. B. Williams was assigned in 1913. It was on the Ponchatoula circuit, which consisted of 287 members at 6 churches. Services were held at Lee's Landing on the second and fourth Sundays at 3 in the afternoons.

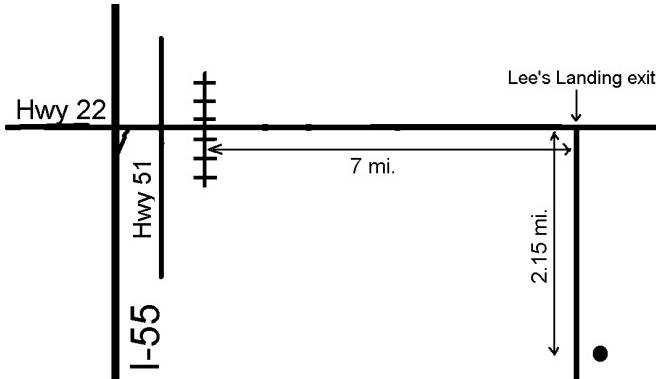
In 1913, Lucius Perkins and L.H. "Man" Edwards built the first church on land donated by John Edwards. The small church (known as the "doll house") was located at the intersection of Raiford Road and Traino Road.

In 1943, L.H. Edwards donated the land on which the present church is located. The congregation had to wait until WWII was over to buy the supplies to build the church. A new wooden church was built in 1946 under the leadership of pastor A. W. Coody.

In 1959, the educational building was constructed under the supervision of C.D. "Pops" Smith. A new sanctuary was constructed in 1964. The educational wing was added to the church property in 1980 under the supervision of Arthur Norred, in memory of Tony Guagliardo.

How to Get There:

Head south on I-55 from I-12. Take the Ponchatoula exit and head east on Hwy 22. After going about a mile, and reaching the RR tracks, go 7 miles further. Turn right at the Lee's Landing exit. The church is almost 2 miles down, on the left side of the road.



Live Oak United Methodist Church



City	Watson
Address	Old Hwy. 16
Membership	957
Founded	1884

Though the exact origin of Live Oak is not known, tradition says that it existed before the Civil War. The earliest record relating to the church dates back to 1884, when a piece of property was donated to the church by a local resident. A church was soon built and a cemetery established.

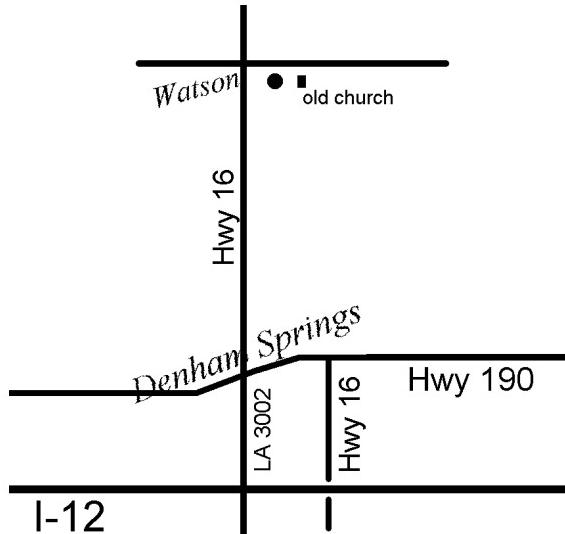
Until 1942, Live Oak was on a circuit with the Denham Springs church and Alford's chapel (a small church on Weiss Road). In 1942, Live Oak became a single charge and a parsonage was built to accommodate the pastor.

In 1950, a new sanctuary was built across the road from the old church. The old church still sits there and is used as a fellowship hall and thrift shop. A new parsonage was built in 1958. It was sold in 1982 and a house on Minglewood Avenue was purchased for use as the parsonage.

The present sanctuary was completed in 1980. The church is looking forward to the construction of a Family Life Center.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Denham Springs exit and go north to Denham Springs. Continue north on Hwy 16 to Watson. Turn right at the red light. The church is just ahead on the right.



Livingston United Methodist Church



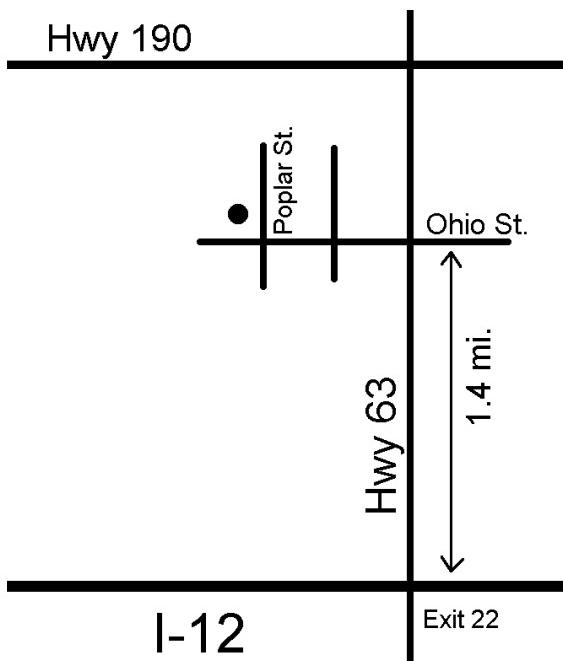
City	Livingston
Address	Poplar St.
Membership	98
Founded	1800s

Red Oak Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in the early 1800's. The church was built on property donated by the Efferson Family in Red Oak. Other early families in the church were the Moores, the Effersons, , the McLins, the Hughes, the Brouards, the Davidsons, the Carpenters, the Sibleys, and the Watts.

The congregation, led by pastor Bodi, decided to move from Red Oak to the present location in Livingston in 1944. The name was changed to Livingston Methodist Church. Services were held in private homes while construction took place. Since then, Sunday school classes and a fellowship hall have been built.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Hwy 63 exit (#22) and head north on Hwy 63. A little over a mile after the exit, you will need to turn left onto Ohio St.. There will be a church sign on the right side of the intersection. Drive for 2 blocks, and you will see the church on your right ... at the corner of Ohio and Poplar Streets.



Loranger United Methodist Church



City	Loranger
Address	Magnolia St.
Membership	270
Founded	1915

The Loranger Lumber Company, which bought large areas east of the Tangipahoa river, donated lumber, the labor, and a lot on which to build a church. It was to be a Methodist Episcopal church because they determined that the denomination was the most inclusive.

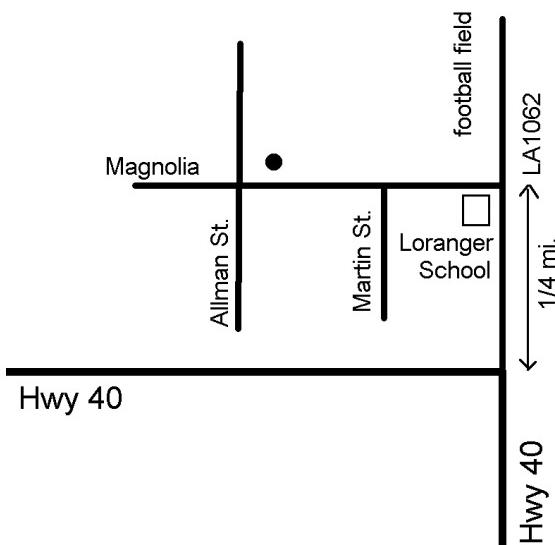
In November 1915, Bishop Thirkield preached for the dedication service in the new three-story church. The first regular pastor was Rev. W.C. Bergman.

The church has always been active and involved in the community. The church often served as a training ground for student preachers at Southeastern Louisiana College.

The church was later replaced by the current brick structure.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 from I-12 and take the Independence exit. Head east on Hwy 40 towards Loranger. In Loranger, Hwy 40 will turn right. At this point, turn left onto LA 1062. After a few hundred yards, you'll see Loranger School on the left. Just past the school, turn left onto Magnolia St. The church is on the right, at the corner of Magnolia and Allman St., a couple of blocks down.



Magnolia United Methodist Church



City	Greenwell Springs
Address	16116 Greenwell Springs Rd.
Membership	260
Founded	1942



1943-1960

The Magnolia United Methodist Church began in 1942 with a series of cottage prayer meetings. At first, they shared a pastor with two other churches. Sunday School was held in private homes. The J.C. Baily family donated an acre of land to the church in 1943. With the help of the community, a wood frame church was soon built. The dedication was held on Easter Sunday of 1943.

A parsonage was built next to the church in 1951, and a used organ was purchased in 1959. As Magnolia grew, a larger building was needed. A new church was built near the old church (which was sold and moved) in 1960-1961. The old parsonage was moved, and a brick home purchased in the Bellingrath Hills Subdivision.

In the 1980's, the congregation joined in to build a Family Life Center. The sanctuary was also remodeled at this time. In the 1990's, Magnolia had grown so that it became a full-time charge. A fellowship hall was built next to the sanctuary. Although the church tried having two services in the early 1990's, they returned to a single service in 1996.

How to Get There:

Head north out of Baton Rouge on Greenwell Springs Rd. The church is on the right, just past Green Meadow Dr.

Greenwell Springs Rd.

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Mangum Chapel United Methodist Church



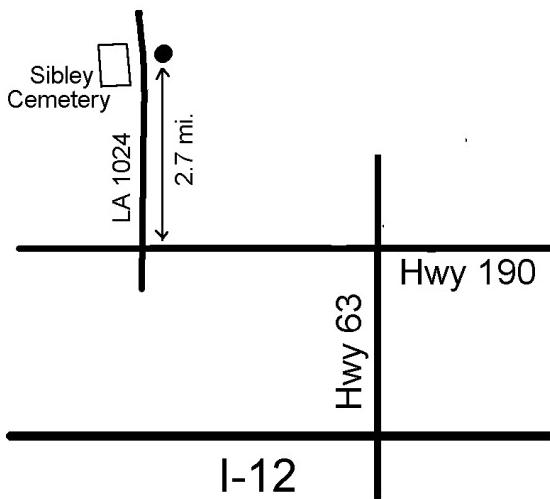
City	Walker
Address	16625 Cane Market
Membership	77
Founded	1916

Mangum Chapel was organized on October 30, 1916 as a branch church of the Friendship church. Poor travel conditions made the trip to Friendship difficult, so the group wanted a church closer to home. The 22 charter members were pastored by Will Mangum. The names of founding members included Sibley, Holland, Coburn, Jones, and Parker.

The present building was constructed in 1962 under the leadership of Rev. Wallace Blackwood. The church was dedicated on April 11, 1965.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Hwy 63 exit (#22) and head north on Hwy 63. Turn left on Hwy 190 and head west for 3.45 miles. Turn right at LA 1024. The church is 2.7 miles down the road on your right.



Meadows Chapel United Methodist Church



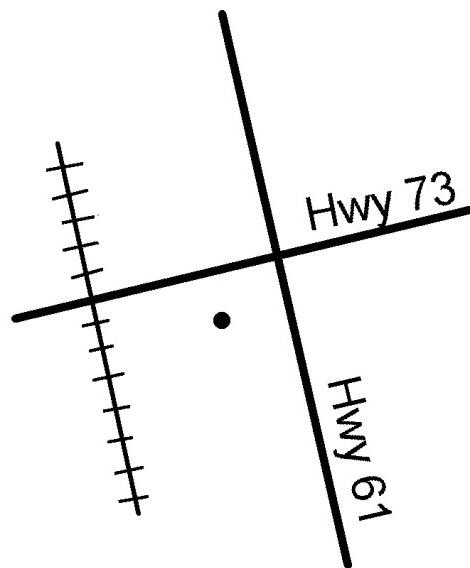
City	Prairieville
Address	Hwy. 61 @ Hwy. 73
Membership	48
Founded	Late 1800s

The church was organized and a wooden church built in the late 19th century. That original church was replaced in the 1940s by a larger structure. Restrooms were a feature of the new church that the original church never had.

When the second church was destroyed by hurricane Betsey in 1965, a new sanctuary and fellowship hall were built on the adjacent property. It was completed in 1967 under the leadership of Rev. C.D. Pinkard. There's a small cemetery to the left of the church.

How to Get There:

Heading south on Hwy 61, turn right onto Hwy 73. The church is on the left. You can see it from the highway.



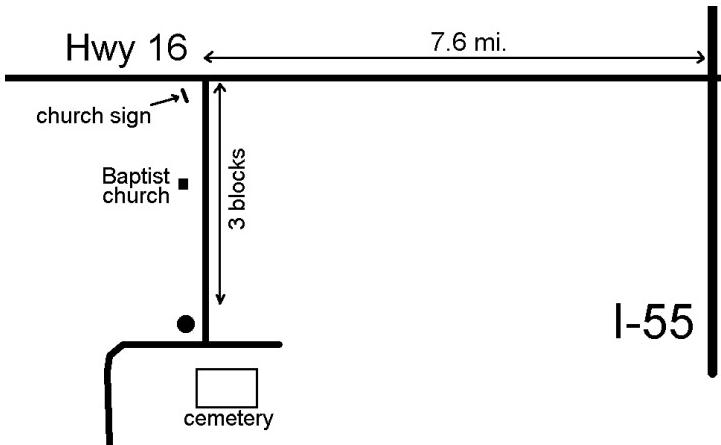
Montpelier United Methodist Church



City	Montpelier
Address	3 rd Street
Membership	58
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Amite exit. Turn west on Hwy 16 and drive 7.6 mi. to Montpelier. Turn left (there's a church sign at the SW corner of the intersection) and go 3 blocks. The church will be on the right.



Moses Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Zachary
Address	Hwy 64
Membership	82
Founded	1898



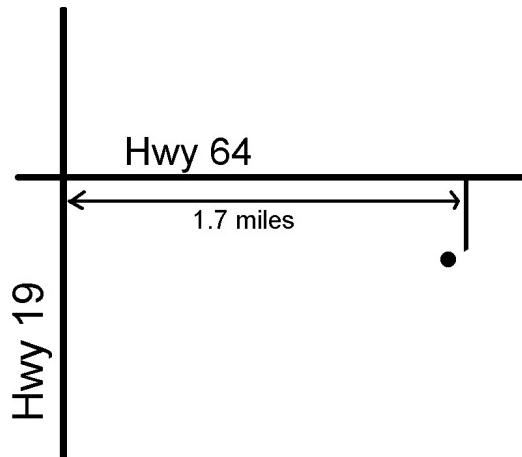
Oral tradition says that there were Methodist Episcopal worshippers in the Deerford area before 1898. Another church, St. Peter A.M.E., was located southwest of the Deerford post office. When St. Peter lost much of its membership, the remainder joined with the Methodist Episcopal group to become Moses Chapel. On April 21, 1898, Mrs. Damaris Pearce Tucker sold the church a half an acre of land in Deerford. A church was built on the property, but was later destroyed by a storm. With Conference assistance, a second church was built. That church was also greatly damaged by a storm. It was rebuilt in the 1940s by Horace Washington and other church members.

When the parish voted to repair the Greenwell Springs/Zachary Deerford Road, the church had to relocate. Services were held in Zachary at Jackson Chapel United Methodist Church while searching for a new location. Two acres of land were purchased from Mrs. Callie Morrison on Hwy. 64, just east of McHost Road. A new church was built and the consecration service held on November 26, 1978.

Rev. Willie Laws' first service at the church ... "the little church with the big heart" ... was on June 24, 1990. The message was led by D.S. Dr. George W.C. Calvin, because it was the dedication service for the church.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 19 north to Zachary. Turn right onto Hwy 64 and go down 1.7 miles. There will be a gravel road to the right (look for the yellow 'church' sign just before). The church is at the end of the short gravel road. If you take Hwy 67 to Zachary, you would turn left onto Hwy 64 and go 3/4 mile to get to the gravel road.



Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church



City	Clinton
Address	Hwy. 67
Membership	
Founded	1867

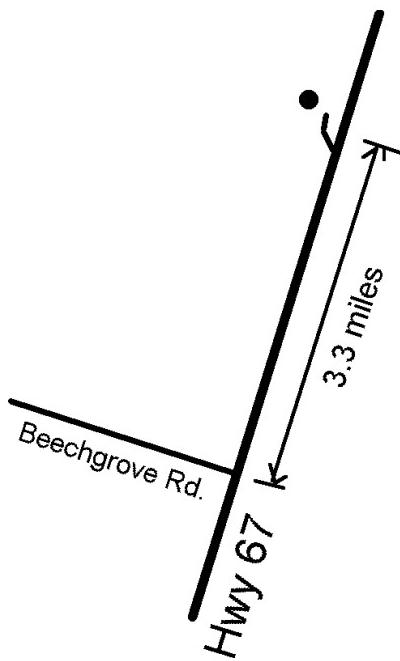


1967

The Mt. Carmel Church was founded in 1867 and the first church was constructed. A new church was constructed in 1979 under the leadership of Rev. J.A. Smith.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 67 out of Baton Rouge. Go past Clinton. You will pass Beechgrove Rd. on the left. The church will be on the left, 3.3 miles past Beechgrove Rd.



Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church



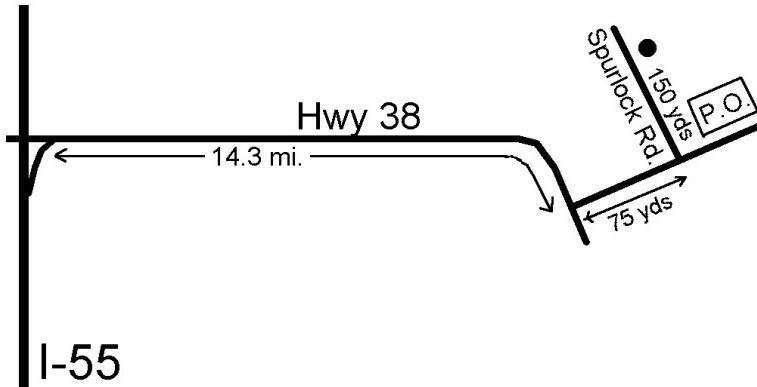
City	Mt. Hermon
Address	Spurlock Rd.
Membership	26
Founded	1874

The Mt. Hermon church was organized in 1874 by Rev. Thomas Walker Adams. Services were held in a log school house at first. A church was later constructed on property donated by David Jackson Ott. The church was part of the Franklinton circuit of the Mississippi Conference in those days.

In 1917, a lot was purchased for \$20 from F. R. Miller. A new wood frame church was built. This church was damaged by a tornado in 1948, and was soon repaired. A 1964 storm damaged the church so badly that a new building was planned. The new church was completed, and the first service was held on June 18, 1967 under the leadership of Rev. Walter Gilbert. The new sanctuary was dedicated on October 18, 1970.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 to and take the exit at Kentwood. Go 14.3 mi. east on Hwy 38 (Avenue G). Just after a curve to the right, you'll take a left turn. Go 75 yards and turn left again onto Spurlock Road. (The post office will be just past Spurlock Road.) The church is about 150 yards down on the right.



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church



City	Clinton
Address	Delia St.
Membership	95
Founded	1866



1967

On December 17, 1866, a one acre plot of land was purchased for \$50 from James and Louisa Pratt. The trustees were Fresby Yarbough, Williams and James Murray, and Madison McDaniels. Services were held under a brush arbor for 16 years. A make-shift structure was built after a while. The first real church was built in 1882. It was dedicated on October 27, 1889 under the leadership of Rev. M.P. Franklin.

In 1949, the wood church was torn down and replaced with a brick structure. Rev. J.F. Johnson was in charge at this time. The church was plastered in 1953 and a block annex was constructed. Rev. A.D. Edwards was pastor in 1953.

An extensive renovation was done in 1959. A modern parsonage was build and paid for while Rev. Roger Transpers was pastor.

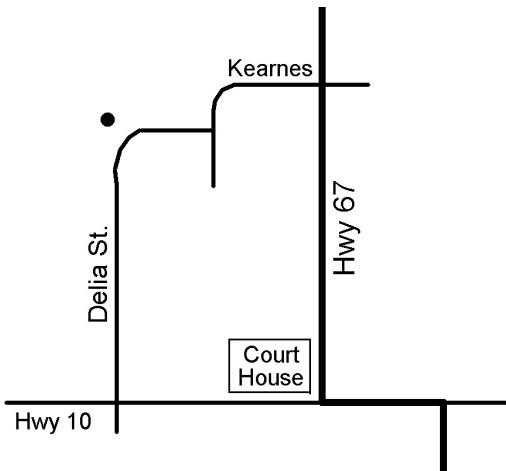
In 1969, a school building was purchased and used for Sunday School classes and assemblies.

The present brick church was built in 1985 under the leadership of Rev. W.R. Lafayette.

SOURCE: History - Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Directory

How to Get There:

Head north to Clinton on Hwy 67. The Hwy will make a sharp turn to the left when you get into town. You will pass the courthouse on your right. Instead of turning right (and following 67), keep going straight on Hwy 10. You will see a church sign on the right. Turn right onto Delia St. The church will be less than a mile ahead on the left (as the street makes a sharp right).



Neely United Methodist Church

City	Baton Rouge
Address	1755 Thomas Delpit Dr.
Membership	216
Founded	1911



1967

There is a cornerstone from the previous church in the wall at Neely. The old cornerstone gives a construction date of Oct 24, 1911. The pastor at that time was Rev. M.C. Harrison. The present church was consecrated Feb. 28, 1988 under the leadership of pastor Donald R. Avery and lay leader Fred Neal.

How to Get There:

From the north (heading east on I-10), take the Washington St. exit. Go west on Washington for one block. The church is on the right. From the south (heading west on I-10), take the Louise St. exit and head west on Louise St. to Thomas Delpit. Turn left onto Thomas Delpit. The church will be on the left, just past Fig St. and just before Washington St.



Nesom Memorial United Methodist Church

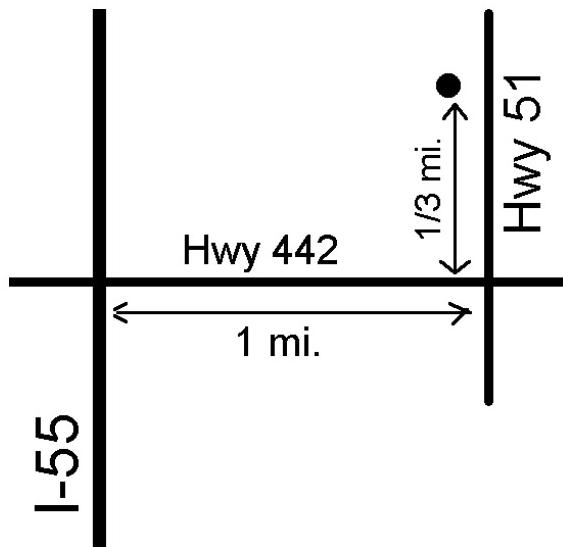


City	Tickfaw
Address	Hwy. 51
Membership	26
Founded	

The present church was built in 1963. A bell tower was built in 1980 out in front of the church in memory of Glenn and Daisy Tycer.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 from I-12 and take the Tickfaw exit. Go one mile east on LA 442. Turn left (north) onto Hwy 51. The church is on the left, about 1/3 mi. up the road.



New Hope United Methodist Church



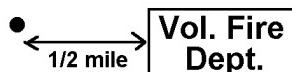
City	Spillman
Address	Hwy. 421
Membership	36
Founded	c.1812

There is a sign by the church that says it was established by circuit riders circa 1812.
There is a small cemetery to the right of the church.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 19 north out of Baton Rouge.
turn left onto Hwy 10 (4 miles north of Ethel).
Just past Jackson, take Hwy 421 north. Go to
Spillman. About 1/2 mile past the volunteer
fire dept. (which is on the left), you'll see the
church on the left.

Hwy 421



**Vol. Fire
Dept.**

New River United Methodist Church



City	Acy
Address	Hwy. 22
Membership	84
Founded	1890

When a Methodist missionary named Norwood came to town in 1890, he held a series of services. This led to the organization of a group of Methodists. They worshiped in the Baptist church for the next 18 years. Then they worshiped in an old store and in private homes until 1921.

In 1920, the Methodist Church bought a 1.5 acre lot from Picard and Geismer Ltd. in Acy for \$125. The following year, a building belonging to Opdenweyer Alcus Red Cypress of Sorrento was purchased for about \$600. It was torn down by the men of the church and brought to the church site by wagon over muddy roads. Under the leadership of Rev. J.L. Frazer, the church and pews were constructed on the bank of New River in Acy, LA.

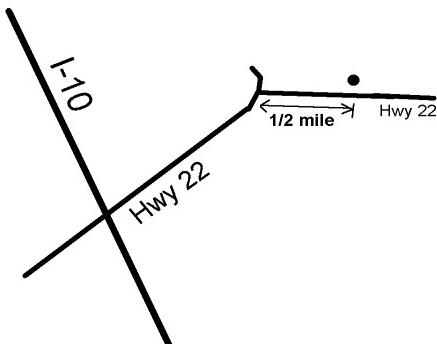
Sunday School rooms and a kitchen were added in 1952 for a little over \$2000. In 1979, the Ladies Society bought new pews and central heat and air unit. They have continued to contribute items, such as carpeting and pew pads, over the years.

The parsonage is located at 1006 Hazel St. in Gonzales. It was purchased in 1976 (for \$38,000) by the New River and Meadows Chapel churches.

The church has two cemeteries. One (New River Methodist Cemetery) is located next to the church. The other (Richardson Cemetery) is located 1.5 miles SW of the church off of Hwy 22.

How to Get There:

Take the Hwy 22 exit from I-10 and head east into Sorrento. You will need to make a right to continue on Hwy 22 (going straight will take you onto Hwy 429). After you make the turn, you will see the church on the left after about 1/2 mile.



Pine Grove United Methodist Church



City	Pine Grove
Address	Hwy. 449
Membership	75
Founded	1861

The church dates its history back to the acquisition of land. On March 13, 1861, Thomas and Nancy Bennett sold the church two acres of land. A church was built on the property. The earliest grave in the cemetery dates back to 1868. Though once surrounded by pine trees in rural St. Helena parish, the church now sits along a highway.

The earliest record of a pastor assigned to the church is 1894. Like most Methodist churches in the Florida parishes, they were in the Mississippi Conference until the 1890s. Sometime around 1940, the church became a full-time charge. Services were held at eleven on Sunday mornings and later that evening.

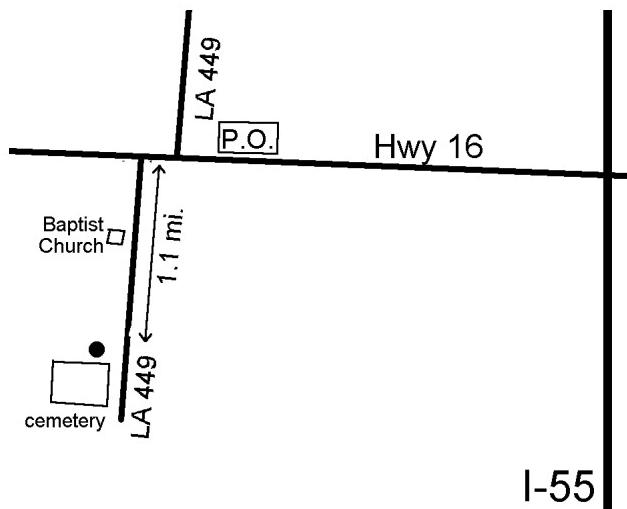
In 1963, plans began for a new sanctuary. It was soon completed, and the first services held in the new structure were on September 6, 1964. The dedication service was the following year, on November 7, 1965.

Though a parsonage was maintained for many years, changes resulted in the elimination of the parsonage in 1978.

In 2002, the church had a vision to add more room for activities and fellowship. The existing fellowship hall was expanded. Work was completed and the new facility consecrated on April 27, 2003.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Amite exit. Turn west on Hwy 16 and drive to Pine Grove. After you pass the post office, you'll turn left onto Hwy 449. Passing a Baptist Church on your right, you'll drive about a mile down the road till you see the church and cemetery on your right.



Pine Ridge United Methodist Church



City	West of Tangipahoa
Address	Hwy. 440
Membership	146
Founded	1895

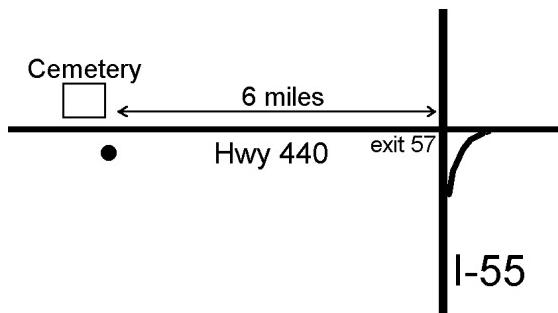
A Sunday school was held as early as 1880 in the Taylor school house. The school was of wood and on land donated by Grant Taylor in 1878. The group raised funds to order New Life song books (with shaped notes) for \$3.60 per dozen and Bibles. Since the school was surrounded by many large pine trees, the area was called Pine Ridge. The Pine Ridge Sunday school was organized by H. B. Lambert (a member of New Zion Baptist Church) in 1887, though it was discontinued a few years later.

In 1893, Rev. Nathan Roberts offered to preach to the community and Mrs. Ann Phillips Young volunteered to help recruit others. In August 1895, a week long meeting was held under the shade trees. The Pine Ridge Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at this time.

Grant Taylor donated a piece of land (next to the school house) on August 13, 1895. The church was built the following year and was dedicated in August 1896. When the first church burned down in May 1913, a new church was built and dedicated by October 1922. These first 2 churches were both built by William "Doc" Blades. In 1958, the present brick church, which contains the sanctuary, educational rooms, and kitchen, was constructed. Since then, the sanctuary windows have been replaced with stained glass windows. The fellowship hall was enlarged in 1994.

How to Get There:

Heading north on I-55, take the Tangipahoa (#57) exit. Turn left onto LA 440. Head west for 6 miles. The church will be on the left.



First United Methodist Church – Ponchatoula



City	Ponchatoula
Address	200 East Pine St.
Membership	375
Founded	1893



1907-1959

Although circuit riders passed through the area on occasion, Methodism didn't take root in Ponchatoula until Mr. William Akers donated a piece of land and had a sanctuary constructed. Mr. Akers had asked the Mississippi Conference for a minister in 1892. Shortly after the church was dedicated (on December 3, 1893), Rev. W. H. Currie was appointed as Ponchatoula's first pastor. The first Sunday school was also organized that year.

After holding several revivals, Rev. Currie organized a church of about 50 members. He also built his own home (113 South Third St.) during his stay here. In 1907, the original church was taken down and a two story building was constructed. In 1947, an educational building, (Abels Memorial Building) was constructed just east of the sanctuary.

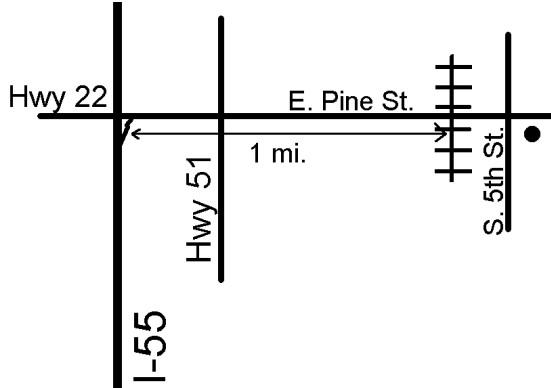
The 2 story annex was demolished in 1956. Groundbreaking for new church facilities was held on September 11, 1957. A fellowship hall, kitchen, library, restrooms, and classrooms were first construction. Construction on the sanctuary was completed while Rev. Eldred Blakely was pastor. The first service in the new sanctuary was held on September 6, 1959.

The first parsonage was built by Mrs. J. R. Abels on South Fifth Street in 1940. A new parsonage was constructed in 1964-65. The current parsonage was built in 1978.

The Day Care and Early Learning Center was begun at the church in 1980 by Rev. Robert Potter. A new roof was put on the church while Dr. Larry Robertson was pastor at the end of the 1980s. In the 1990s, Dr. Burton Blair has led the congregation in making improvements on the parsonage and West Wing of the church.

How to Get There:

Head south on I-55 from I-12. Take the Ponchatoula exit and head east on Hwy 22. You'll get to RR tracks after about a mile. The church is one block past the tracks, on the right side of the road.



Roberts United Methodist Church



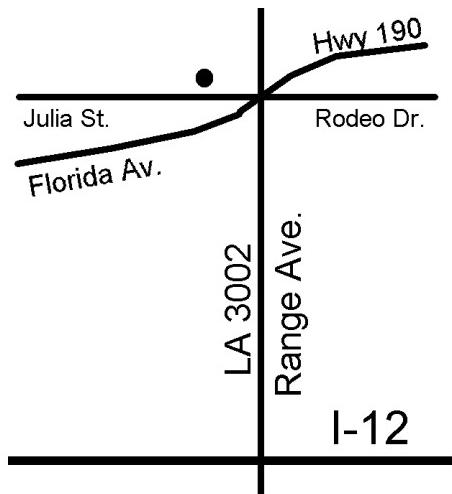
City	Denham Springs
Address	Julia St.
Membership	310
Founded	1894



Roberts Chapel was the first African-American church established in the community. It began under the leadership of Rev. Woodard in 1894. The original log building was also used as a school. After about 3 years, the congregation bought land to the north and named the new church Plainview Methodist Church. That property now serves as a community cemetery.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Denham Springs exit and head north on LA 3002 (Range Ave.). When you get to the intersection of Rodeo, Range, and Hwy 190 (Florida Ave.), turn left onto Julia. The church is on the right, about 100 yards past this intersection. Note: Rodeo Dr. becomes Julia St. at this intersection.



Scott Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Port Allen
Address	310 Atchafalaya St.
Membership	151
Founded	1872

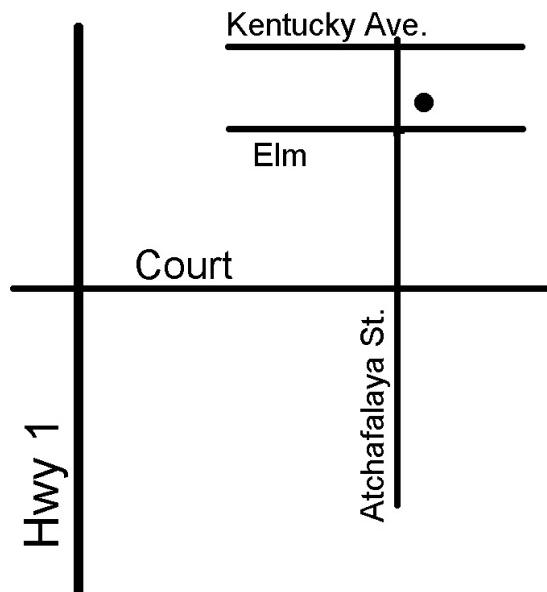


1967

The Scott congregation was founded in 1872 and a church was soon built. The church, designed by W.C. August., was rebuilt in 1974.

How to Get There:

Take I-10 from Baton Rouge across the Mississippi River. Just past the bridge, take Hwy 1 north. About 1 mile north of I-10, turn right onto Court St. Turn left onto Atchafalaya and go down 2 blocks. The church will be on the right, at the NE corner of Atchafalaya and Elm.



Slaughter United Methodist Church



City	Slaughter
Address	Hwy. 412 & Magnolia St.
Membership	85
Founded	1883

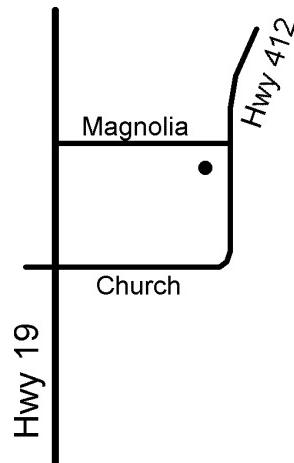
The earliest records of the Slaughter church date back to 1883. The records are located in the register of the Olive Branch Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The first property bought by the congregation was a 50' x 140' lot purchased on November 12, 1890. The church was built that same month of rough lumber. It was whitewashed and had green shutters. This church was destroyed by a storm in 1898. A new church was built under the leadership of Rev. Nathan Roberts. When this church was later struck by lightning, it had to be repaired. The adjacent lot was purchased some years later.

The Olive Branch church was closed in 1930, the membership transferred to Slaughter. The Olive Branch church building was dismantled and sent to Zachary in 1931 to be used to build an educational building.

In 1949, the main building was remodeled and 2 Sunday School rooms were added. In 1954, an educational building with a pastor's study & library, and a recreation room was added. The church was paid its first visit by a bishop on March 27, 1954, when the addition was dedicated by Bishop Paul E. Martin (in pouring rain).

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 19 north out of Baton Rouge. When you get to the town of Slaughter, turn right on Church St. (Hwy 412). The street will turn to the left. You will see the church on the left, on the SW corner of Church and Magnolia.



First United Methodist Church - Springfield



City	Springfield
Address	32165 Walnut St.
Membership	168
Founded	1883

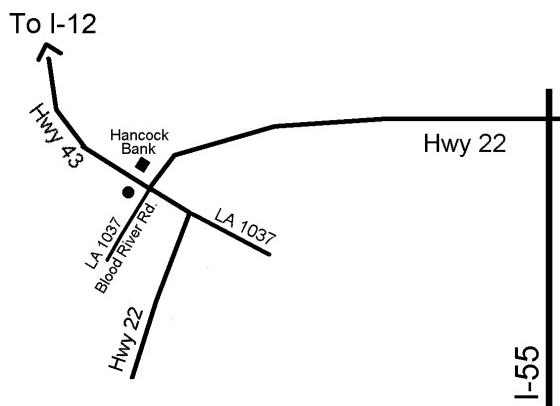
Preaching began in the area as early as 1880. The church was organized on June 14, 1883. Charter members included: Mrs. Barbara Albin, E.N. Gainey, Mrs. Lillie Garter, Mrs. Serena King, T.W. King, Mrs. Tullia Rownd, W.B. Rownd, John Settoon, Mrs. Abi Starkey, Mrs. Emily Stezner, and John Stezner. It was on the Livingston Mission, Woodville District, Mississippi Conference.

The original church was located near the Springfield Cemetery. It later moved to another site, perhaps due to the location and condition of the old church. In 1922, it relocated to its present site after the church was destroyed by a hurricane. The land ... lots 3,4, and 5 of square 17 of Springfield ... was donated by the Knights of Honor on June 14, 1922.

The church decided to begin a building fund in early fall 1965. The current church was built in 1965-66. A new parsonage was constructed in 1969. The church also has an education building.

How to Get There:

From I-55, take the Ponchatoula exit and head west on Hwy 22. When you get into Springfield, the hwy will make a left turn. You will see the church just ahead on the right. OR, you could also take the Springfield-Pumpkin Corner exit from I-55 and head south into Springfield on Hw 43. The church at the traffic light, one mile past the Hwy 42 turnoff (on your right).



St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	17510 Monitor Ave.
Membership	1237
Founded	1981

In June of 1981, Rev. Fred Wideman was assigned the task of forming a new church in the Shenandoah area of Baton Rouge. A meeting was held at the home of Zula Braud on Jun 15, 1981, with nine people in attendance. Meetings were held each Sunday in private homes. On July 8, Rev. Wideman announced that \$10,000 and a piano were given to the fledgling church. On July 29, 1981, a committee chose the name of St. Andrews for the new church.

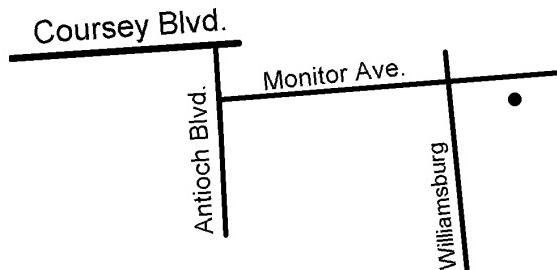
The first official service was held at the Shenandoah Elementary School on Sept. 13, 1981. There were 155 people at that service, and 68 of them joined St. Andrews that day. Services continued at the school for 20 months while property was acquired and a church built. Sunday School was held at the home of Judy and Glen McAlister. Dallas Fiandt taught the adult Sunday School.

After the 1000 Club donated \$75,000, a tract of land (almost 8 acres) was purchased on Monitor Ave. A site and construction plan was developed by Bobby Crump. The church was soon built, with the first service being held there in May of 1983. The church grew rapidly, and a second service was added in 1984. An education building was constructed in 1986.

SOURCE: A Short History of St. Andrews United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

From Airline Hwy (just south of I-12), turn east onto Coursey Blvd. About a mile past Jones Creek Rd., turn right onto Antioch. Then take a left onto Monitor Ave. The church is on the right, about 3/4 of a mile down Monitor.



St. Francisville United Methodist Church



City	St. Francisville
Address	9856 Royal St.
Membership	438
Founded	1899

The St. Francisville Church had its beginnings at Bayou Sara, which is down the bluff from St. Francisville near the Mississippi River. The Bayou Sara congregation was organized in 1844 and a church was soon constructed. Though the church survived bombardment by Federal gunboats during the Civil War, it was constantly subjected to floods. In 1896, the congregation decided to move to a more favorable location. A lot was purchased on Royal St. adjacent to the Market Hall in St. Francisville.

The church was dismantled and moved to St. Francisville in 1899 under the leadership of Rev. G.P. White. As the years went by, it became apparent that the church was again in danger ... this time from erosion of the bluff on which it stood. So the church was moved to its present location in 1948. A remodeling of the church took place the next year.

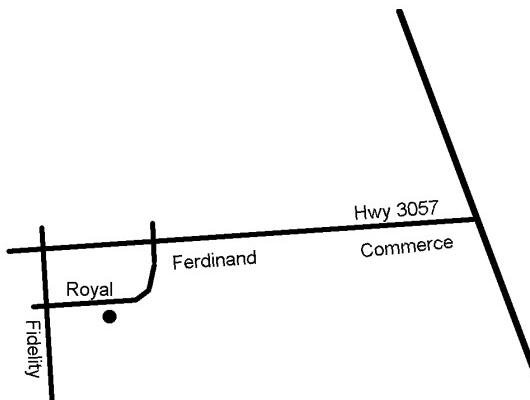
A parsonage was built next door to the church in 1959. A Fellowship Hall was constructed and the educational building was remodeled in 1983. In 1990, the property and home (Robb House) next to the church was purchased.

Robb House currently serves as "Parsonage and Office." The house was built in 1895 and was used as a pharmacy, then as classrooms, and finally as a private home in the 1940's. The former parsonage was remodeled and is being used as the C.H.A.S.E. (Children Having A Spiritual Environment) building, which houses the Sunday School rooms and day care.

SOURCE: St. Francisville United Methodist Church, visitor's brochure

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 61 north to St. Francisville. Turn left onto Commerce (Hwy 3057) at the light. Commerce runs into Ferdinand. Turn left at the light onto Fidelity and go to the third left, Royal St. Take a left onto Royal St. The church will be just ahead on the left.



St. James United Methodist Church



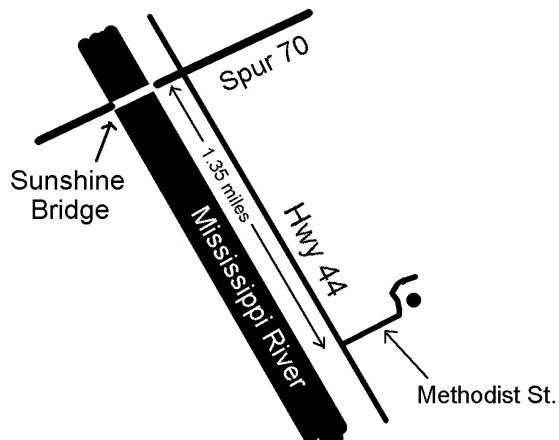
City	Convent
Address	Methodist St.
Membership	52
Founded	1872

The St. James - Whithall Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1872. The original church was replaced by a new structure in 1947 under the leadership of Rev. E.L. Berry. The church was renovated in 1980 under the leadership of Rev. Robert Williams. Additional renovations were begun in 2000 under the leadership of Rev. G. Pittman.

Two of its members, Rev. B. Whittington and Rev. U. Stephens, have gone into the ministry.

How to Get There:

From Spur 70, at the Sunshine Bridge, on the east side of the Mississippi River, take Hwy 44 east towards Convent. Go 1.35 miles on Hwy 44. Take a left onto Methodist St. (there's a church sign on the right). Go down the street, which turns to the left, and the church will be on your right.



St. James United Methodist Church

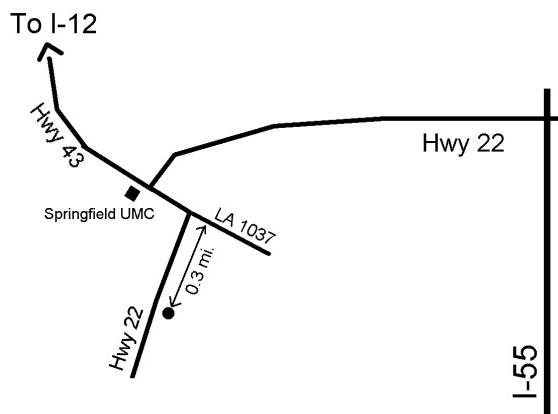


City	Springfield
Address	24769 George Settlement Rd.
Membership	56
Founded	1876

The church was organized in 1876. It burned down and was rebuilt in 1939 under the leadership of Rev. A. E. Franklin

How to Get There:

From I-55, take the Ponchatoula exit and head west on Hwy 22. When you get into Springfield, the hwy will make a left turn. Then Hwy 22 will make a right turn. You will see the church 0.3 mi. past this last turn. It will be on your left. OR, you could also take the Springfield-Pumpkin Corner exit from I-55 and head south into Springfield on Hwy 43. When you get to the Springfield UMC, Hwy 43 merges with Hwy 22. Stay on Hwy 43/22 and it will make a right turn. The church is 0.3 mi. past the turn.



St. John's United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	9375 Highland Rd.
Membership	897
Founded	1961

On June 11, 1961, 27 initial and 60 charter members formed the St. John's Methodist Church at Highland Road School. The first pastor was Rev. Thomas M. Babington, III. Services were held for 2 months at Highland High School, and then at a rental house on Kimbor Drive. Property for the church was purchased that fall, and the groundbreaking took place in August, 1962. The first service in the new church was held on April 14, 1963.

By the end of the decade, membership had risen to 275 and a day care program had been started. In 1972, the first organ was purchased, and the educational building was acquired the following year. Constructed in the 1930's, the building was purchased from the University Presbyterian Church for \$1. The building was dedicated on October 7, 1973. An 8:30 service was started while Rev. Robert W. Bengtson was pastor (1976-1978).

While Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar was pastor (1978-1984), the Fellowship Hall and Gym were built, the sanctuary was remodeled, and the parking lot was enlarged. In 1984, a pipe organ and parsonage were purchased.

In the 1990's, 3 acres of adjacent property were purchased (for \$165,000), the sanctuary was remodeled (6 pews were added), and several staff positions were added. Current seating capacity in the church is 292.

SOURCE: History of St. John's

How to Get There:

From I-10, turn west onto Siegen Lane. Head West till you get to Highland Rd., where you'll turn right. About 2.2 miles down the road, turn right onto Renee Dr. The church is on the left.



St. Landry United Methodist Church



City	Gonzales
Address	S. St. Landry
Membership	44
Founded	1884

The church, organized in 1884, was first known as St. Punchin because of the puncheon boards used in its construction. The first pastor was Rev. Craige. After land was willed to the church by Sam Scott, Rev. Pierre Landry led the church in building its second structure. After Rev. Landry became the D.S. of the south New Orleans District, the church was renamed in his honor.

The church was rebuilt twice after being destroyed by hurricanes ... first in 1909 and again by hurricane Betsy in 1965. While rebuilding the church in the 1960s, they met at the St. Paul Baptist Church in Gonzales and at the Haven Chapel Methodist Church in Darrow. The new church was dedicated in 1967 under the leadership of Rev. J.C. Miles. Additional facilities such as classrooms were added and dedicated in 1987.

There is a small cemetery to the rear of the church.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take the Hwy 30 exit at Gonzales and head west. Past the Tangiers Mall, turn left onto St. Landry. The church will be on the right, 1/2 mile down the road.



St. Luke United Methodist Church



City	Greenwell Springs
Address	Greenwell Springs Rd.
Membership	96
Founded	1867

In 1867, Mr. D. B. Morgan donated an acre of land to be used to establish a church in Greenwell Springs. The church, named St. Luke, consisted of a rough-hewn post building covered with palmettos. This early structure was replaced by a frame building. When this second structure was destroyed by fire, a new building was built and rededicated in 1907. In 1948, that church was remodeled and enlarged. It was again remodeled after Rev. E.D. Smith's arrival in 1954. The interior was remodeled in 1970 under the leadership of Rev. Clarence Hilliard.

By the mid 1970s, the need for new facilities became apparent. The present church was taken down in 1978 and the current structure was built. It was completed and a consecration service held on March 29, 1981. Rev. Clarence Hilliard, who served the church for seventeen years, was still the pastor at that time.

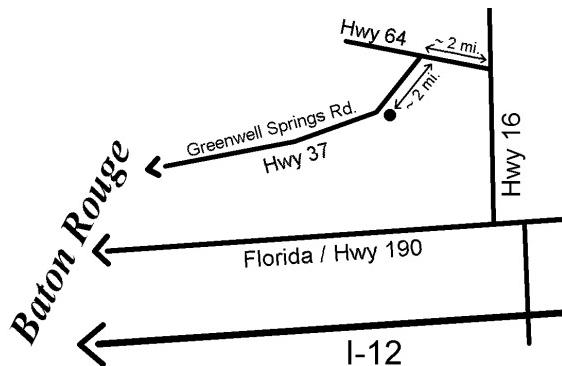
Under the leadership of Rev. Wilbur G.C. Davis, several musical programs (children's choir, adult choir, handbells) were active. Rev. Davis was known to always be there to lend a helping hand to the church and community.

When Rev. Alonzo Campbell arrived in 1998, he held a Vision Breakfast to come up with fundraisers to get the church out of debt. The roof and ceiling tiles were repaired the following year. With the help of the first change offering, the debt was paid and the note burned on January 30, 2000. Rev. Dan Solomon gave the message at the dedication service.

Recent ministries include a men's chorus, a dance team, healing services, and visitation of the sick & shut-ins.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Denham Springs Exit. Go north for 5 miles on Range Rd. Turn left on Hwy 64 and go 2 miles to Greenwell Springs Rd. (Hwy 37). The church will be on your left.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	3791 Aletha Dr.
Membership	191
Founded	1961

James P. McCullough was appointed directly from Perkins to help organize the church. He arrived on June 7, and by June 25 the church accepted 48 charter members. The church was chartered on July 27, 1961.

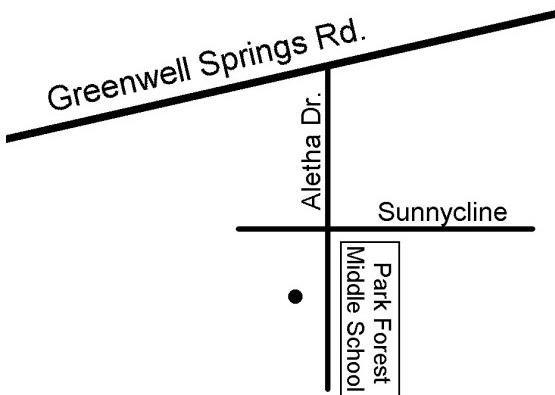
After buying 3.5 acres of land at 6215 Glenoaks Drive in Baton Rouge, the first church and parsonage were built by the spring of 1963. In the latter half of the decade, Rev. Walter R. Baker led the church as the chancel area was redesigned. Based on the theme "Fishers of Men," the pulpit was in the shape of part of a ship. A free-standing wall between the communion area and a large window had a large fishing net draped across it. A mobile of colored glass fish hung on one side. The church members made these furnishings.

After the church was destroyed by a fire in November 1975, services were held at the Seventh Day Adventist Chapel on Winbourne Avenue until the following March. On March 1, 1976, the church bought the Park Forrest Baptist Church building at 3791 Aletha Drive. The Baptist congregation shared the building until their new church was built. St. Luke's first Sunday service in the church was held on Palm Sunday, April 1977.

Classroom and administration wings were added to the building in the 1980s.

How to Get There:

Head north on Greenwell Springs Rd. out of Baton Rouge. A couple of miles past Airline Hwy, you will turn right onto Aletha Dr. The church is about 4 blocks down, on the SW corner of Aletha and Sunnycline Dr.



St. Mark United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	6217 Glen Oaks Dr.
Membership	488
Founded	1889



1967

In 1889, a Methodist preacher came to Baton Rouge and established a mission at a private home in Pete's Alley. As the congregation grew, they moved to North Blvd., and then to Lucy St. They small group incorporated as the St. Mark Methodist Episcopal Church 1889.

A wooden church was built in 1908, but was destroyed by a storm the following year. Towards the end of 1909, they began to rebuild the church under the leadership of Rev. John McKee.

The church continued to grow in size. Education became a priority of the church. It worked to help establish adequate schools for minorities. The church was even used as a school while a nearby school was being built.

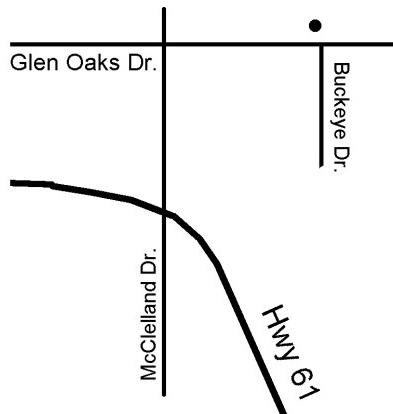
In 1952, the church at the corner of Convention and 14th Streets was remodeled under the leadership of Rev. John D. McCrory. When Rev. W.T. Handy, Jr. served as pastor, later in the 1950's, a parsonage was built.

In May, 1989, the church relocated to its present location on Glen Oaks Dr. The pastor at that time was Rev. Kenneth M. Fisher. The church paid off its mortgage in 1995, under the leadership of Rev. James F. Haynes.

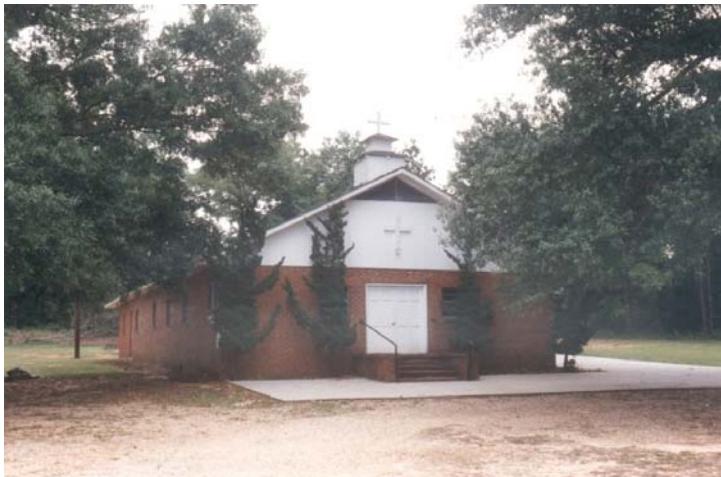
SOURCE: History of St. Mark United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Head north on Airline Hwy through Baton Rouge. In north Baton Rouge, turn right onto McClelland Dr. Go to Glen Oaks Dr. and take a right. The church is on the left, about 1/3 mile down the road.



St. Paul United Methodist Church



City	Clinton
Address	Hwy. 955 E.
Membership	89
Founded	

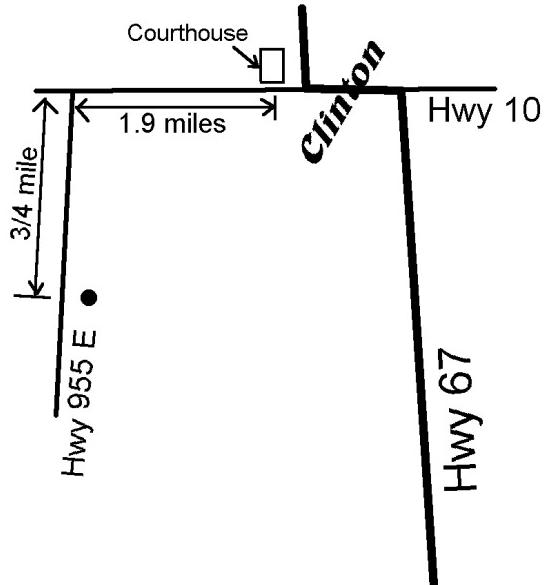


1967

There is a cemetery to the left of the church.

How to Get There:

Go north to Clinton via Hwy 67. Hwy 67 makes a sharp left turn when you get into town. As you get to the courthouse, don't turn right (Hwy 67), but keep going straight on Hwy 10. About 1.9 miles past the courthouse, turn left onto Hwy 955. The church will be 3/4 mile ahead on the left.



St. Paul's United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	11828 Plank Rd.
Membership	79
Founded	1958

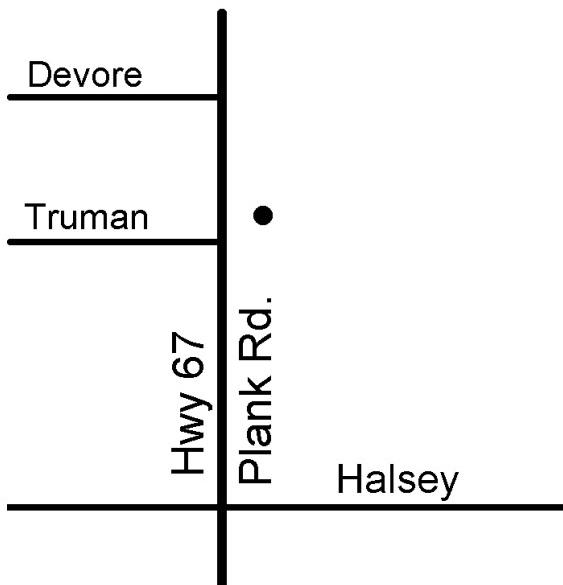
The St. Paul church began during the church planting movement of the 1950's and 1960's. The first service was held on February 2, 1958 at the Brownfields Elementary School. The 71 charter members were led by Rev. A.G. Taylor (of the Blackwater Church) and Rev. John Sewell (of the Baker Church). In June, Rev. John Winn became the church's first appointed pastor.

A parsonage was purchased at 5745 Guice Drive. By the end of January, 1960, a sanctuary, fellowship hall, pastor's study, and eleven classrooms had been built at 11828 Plank Road. The parsonage was sold in 1973, and a new one purchased on St. Ann Street.

SOURCE: St. Paul's United Methodist Church Directory, 1972

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 67 out of Baton Rouge. Shortly after you pass the airport (on the left), you will cross Halsey St. The church is just ahead on the right.



St. Peter United Methodist Church



City	Clinton
Address	10087 St. Peter Lane
Membership	123
Founded	1880



1967

The church was organized on July 6, 1880 as Union Chapel. They were led by Trustees Wesley Edward, Braxton Stanley, and Alexander Cooper.

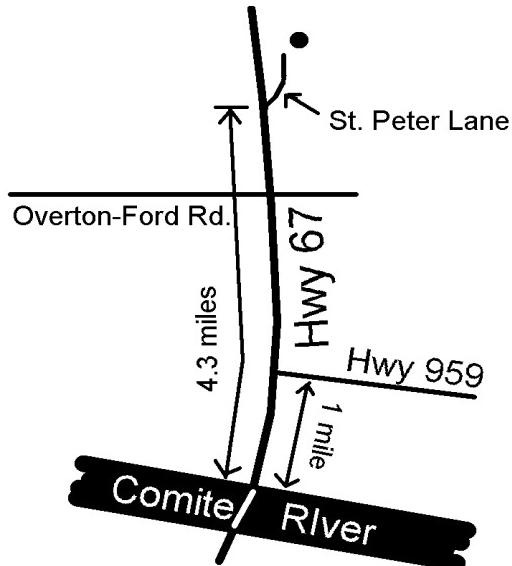
The original church burned down in 1918. It was rebuilt the following year and renamed the Saint Peter Methodist Episcopal Church. The pastor at that time was Rev. J.C. Coleman. That church was remodeled under the leadership. The wood church was repaired in 1955 under the leadership of Rev. E. Kennedy.

The present brick church was constructed in 1989 under the leadership of Rev. Oscar L. Brown and lay leader Mattie Smith. A bell, with the cornerstone from the 1937 church, is located on a separate brick pier to the south of the church. There is a cemetery to the right of the church.

In 2000, the church celebrated its 120th anniversary while Rev. Lawrence Hill served as pastor. The speaker for the service was Bishop Melvin Talbert, who was a former member and Sunday School superintendent for the church.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 67 out of Baton Rouge. You will cross the Comite River; 4.3 miles past the river, there will be a gravel road that veers off 67 to the right. There is a church sign on the right at the road. The road leads to the church.



Tangipahoa United Methodist Church



City	Tangipahoa
Address	Tarpley St.
Membership	74
Founded	1818



Previous sanctuary

Records indicate that Methodist meetings and services were held in private homes as early as 1818. Methodist evangelists would occasionally venture into the area to hold services.

In 1854, the Illinois Central Railroad came through town, spurring a growth of business and new settlers. In 1865, a combination church and school, called Tangipahoa Academy, was built one mile west of Tangipahoa at the site of today's Tangipahoa Cemetery. The district judge conducted school there in the summer. The Baptists and Methodists used the building for services on alternating Sundays.

The congregation remained relatively small for some time. The Methodists still met in homes, store warehouses, and other buildings that would accommodate them.

On November 2, 1871, Maton S. Newsom, Sr. donated a lot on the corner of Robb and Tarplay Streets to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Greensburg Royal Arch Chapter of Free Masons, Ch. 28. Mr. Newsom also had a 2 story wooden building constructed on the lot. Meetings of the Royal Arch Lodge were held there until 1905. In 1955, the Grand Lodge deeded the building over to the Methodist Church.

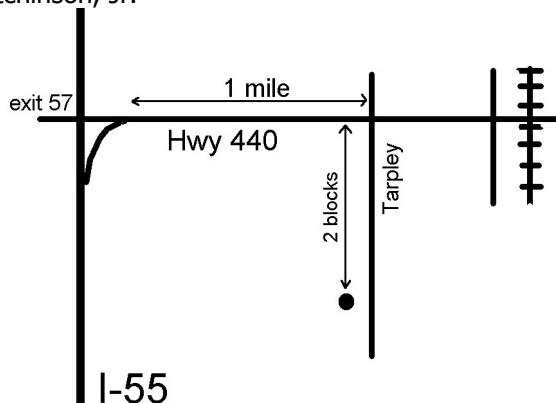
The building was sometimes called Union Church (because Baptists and Presbyterians also used it) or Newsom's Chapel. The Baptists left in 1878 and soon built their own church. When the Presbyterians dissolved their local church at the turn of the century, it left the church to the Methodists.

A parsonage was constructed near the church in 1947, and in 1951 the roof of the church was lowered and a fellowship hall added. In 1974, the congregation built a new brick church across the street from the old church. The old church was still used for Sunday school and as a fellowship hall.

Source: "History of Tangipahoa UMC", Harvey Hutchinson, Jr.

How to Get There:

Heading north on I-55, take the Tangipahoa (#57) exit. Turn right onto LA 440. Head east for about a mile and turn right on Tarpley. The church is on the right, 2 blocks down.



Tunica United Methodist Church



City	Tunica
Address	Hwy. 66
Membership	33
Founded	1854

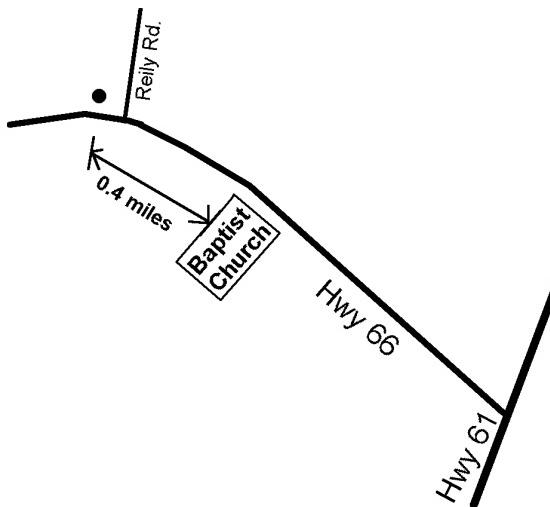
The origin of the Tunica United Methodist Church is uncertain. Masonic records indicate that the first church was constructed in 1854. It seems that they had been using the Masonic Lodge as a meeting place prior to that time.

The earliest recorded baptism is dated Jan. 18, 1868. By 1895, the pastor was serving 12 members at Tunica. On May 28, 1895, Rev. J.H. Bishop recorded the following in the church register. "Not having a register for some years, we cannot fill out the blanks properly in this membership roll book."

In 1907, the old church was torn down and a new church was built on one of the highest hills in Tunica. By 1950, the congregation had enough of trying to reach the church in winter and during bad weather, and the church was moved to a new site. The church still stands at this location, which was donated by Mrs. Mary Reily Wilkinson.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 61 out of Baton Rouge. About 3 miles north of St. Francisville, you will get to Bains. Turn left on Hwy 66. Go 18 miles down the road, and you will find the church on the right.



William B. Reily Memorial (University) United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	3350 Darymple
Membership	1471
Founded	1941

Rev. J. Henry Bowden, Sr., the Baton Rouge District Superintendent, held an organizational meeting at the Methodist Student Center at LSU on September 8, 1941. Rev. Benedict Galloway was asked to serve as pastor until Annual Conference (in November), and the first worship service was held on September 14, 1941.

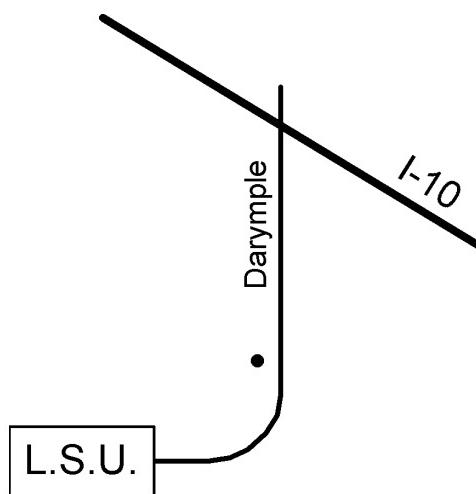
Rev. William E. Trice was appointed pastor that November. He went on to serve the church for 25 years.

On August 4, 1941, LSU sold a section of property on Darymple Drive to the Methodists and Presbyterians. The land was divided between the two denominations in 1947. The cornerstone for University Methodist Church was laid on May 24, 1950. The church was soon built, and the first service in the new sanctuary was held on May 20, 1951. An early supporter of the church was Mr. J.W. Reily. The church was later renamed the William B. Reily Memorial University Methodist Church.

SOURCE: History of University Methodist Church

How to Get There:

From the LSU campus, head north on Darymple. After the street makes its big curve to the left, you will see the church on the left.



First United Methodist Church - Walker



City	Walker
Address	30167 Stump St.
Membership	154
Founded	1858



1930-1965

In 1840, William S. Townsend donated sex acres of land for the establishment of a church. He have the Louisiana Conference the title to the land in 1842. An arbor made of palmetto leaves was constructed and called Union Church, since Methodist, Baptists, and the Holiness worshipped there.

In 1858, cutting of lumber for a new church began at Capt. Thomas Gibbens' sawmill in Port Vincent. He cut the wood with a pit saw and dressed the lumber by hand. The church was built near the cemetery and was named Palmetto Methodist Church. It was used from 1860 to 1900. In 1900, the church received its first Conference minister. Rev. Cargill made the trip from Denham Springs, where he lived. By 1911, the church had 92 members.

In 1917, the old church was torn down and a new one built on the same site. Lamp shelves on the side walls held kerosene lamps to illuminate the church. In 1928, the Conference allowed the church to move from the cemetery site to the present site, and the church became the Walker Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

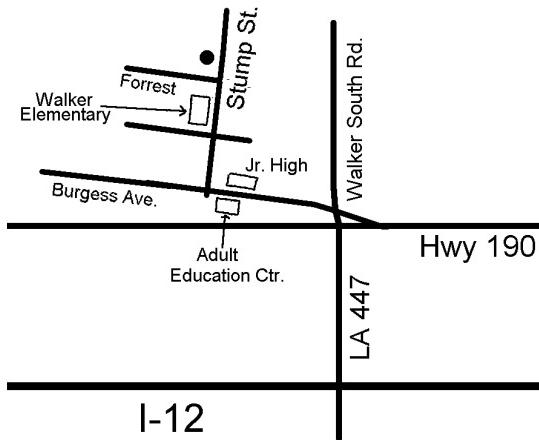
A new church was built in 1930 at a cost of \$4,500. The parsonage at the old cemetery site was still used for a time. The church bell is said to come from an abandoned church in the Frost community.

In 1960, fundraising began towards a new church. After the existing church was damaged by hurricane Betsy in 1965, work began on the new church. It was completed on October 8, 1967. The church was dedicated on June 16, 1974, with Bishop Finis Crutchfield giving the message. A steeple was added to the church in 1987.

A new parsonage was bought at the corner of Stump Street and Wildcat Drive in the early 1970s.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Walker exit at LA 447. Head north on LA 447 (Walker South Rd.). Just past Hwy 190, you will need to turn left onto Burgess Ave. After a couple of blocks, turn right onto Stump St. The church is a couple of blocks down the street on the left.



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

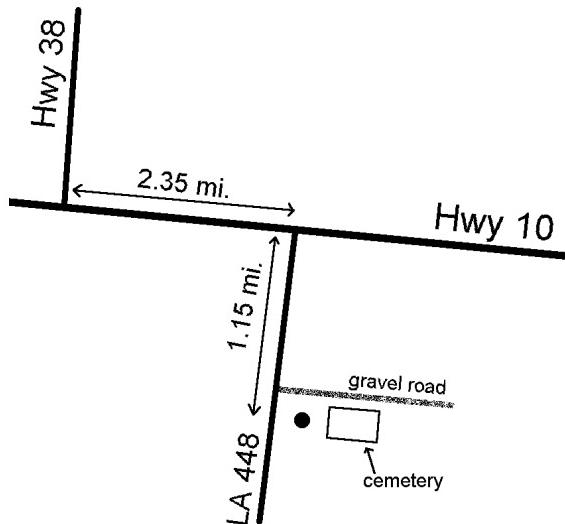


City	Darlington
Address	Hwy. 448
Membership	50
Founded	1855

The church was dedicated and named on April 1, 1855. A church was built on the present site after L.M. Pipken donated the land to the church on September 18, 1889. The present church contains much of the original building.

How to Get There:

Head north on I-55 and take the Greensburg exit. Turn west on Hwy 10 and drive to Darlington. Turn left onto LA 448. The church is 1.15 mi. down the road. The church is on your left, next to a gravel road that leads to the cemetery in back.



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Ponchatoula
Address	Thibodaux Rd.
Membership	110
Founded	1853

Methodist services began in 1853 in the Wells School House, the site of today's Wesley Chapel UMC. The worshippers were served by circuit riding pastors. The first recorded Quarterly Conference (June 19, 1858) notes that the circuit was served by Rev. E. R. Strickland and Rev. W. S. Townsend at that time.

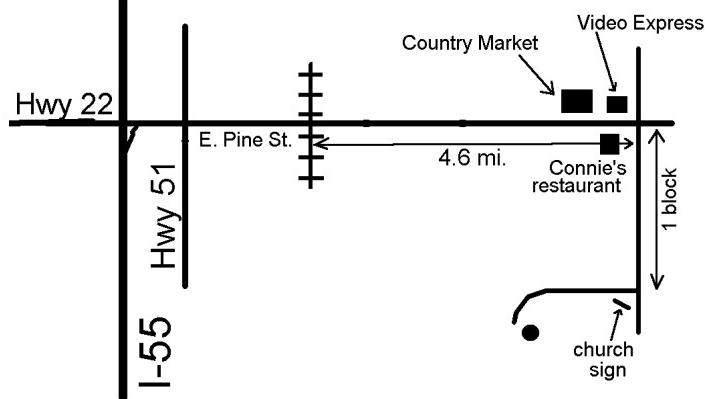
The congregation didn't build their own church until after James Wells donated 5 acres to the church on February 25, 1861. The name "Wesley Chapel" was adopted on June 12, 1861 at the third Quarterly Conference. The Sunday school was organized in 1887 under the leadership of Mr. T. M. Terry as superintendent.

Rev. W. D. Drake was pastor when a new church was built in 1889. The church consisted of a single 30 by 50 foot room with a high ceiling. It was built of rough one by twelve lumber. The sills were hewn from a single tree running the length of the building. Wesley Chapel was on a circuit at this time with Hammond, Springfield, and James Chapel.

In later years, two Sunday school rooms a parsonage (completed in 1944), an educational building, and a new sanctuary were built. The educational building, built around 1950, was dedicated on September 4, 1952. The present sanctuary was built in 1958-59. The first service in the new church was held on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1959.

How to Get There:

Head south on I-55 from I-12. Take the Ponchatoula exit and head east on Hwy 22. After going about a mile, and reaching the RR tracks, go 4.6 miles further. Turn right at the intersection. Connie's Restaurant is on the right and there's a Country Market and video store on the left just before the intersection. Go one block south on the road and you'll see a church sign on the right. Turn right and go about 150 yards to the church.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Baton Rouge
Address	544 Government
Membership	623
Founded	1866

In 1866, a small group of people in South Beauregard Town purchased a piece of property on Government Street. Rev. Hardy Ryans led the first services, as the congregation sat in chairs on the ground. The church and community built the first wood-frame church the following year. Rev. James Hayward was the first regular pastor to the congregation. When this church was destroyed by a storm, services were held in halls, stores, and whatever space they could find.

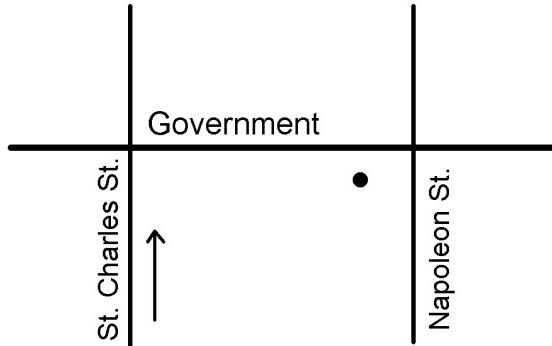
Suppers and other programs were held to raise money. After the new church was built, it was also used for the first public school. The Blunden School and Orphanage had its beginning at Wesley. When this second church was destroyed by fire, services were held in the Parish Court House.

A brick building was constructed in 1893. Though damaged by a storm in 1909, it was repaired by 1910. A parsonage was built next to the church in 1913.

A new structure was built in 1966 under the leadership of Rev. Leonard L. Haynes, Jr. and lay leader J.H. Nobles. Services were held at McKinley High School while construction took place.

How to Get There:

Head east on Government St. from downtown Baton Rouge. After you pass St. Charles St., the church will be on the right.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Wilson
Address	Swingalong Rd.
Membership	66
Founded	1874



1967

The church began on April 4, 1874 when the trustees met with Willie Carruth to buy an acre of land on which to build a church. Mr. Carruth's son (Rev. Ancil Carruth, Sr.) later gave the church an acre of land (to the left of the church) for a cemetery.

The first congregation, named "Bethel," was led by Rev. Marshall Smith. Services were held under a brush arbor until the first church was built in 1891.

When the church was rebuilt in 1891, it was renamed Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church. The pastor at that time was Rev. P.W. Clark.

The church was rebuilt in 1946 under the leadership of Rev. Blackman M. Hall, who also served as the contractor. When Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church closed in 1974, their membership merged with Wesley.

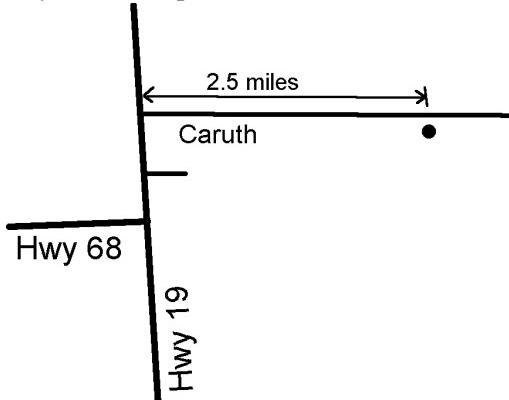
In 1976, the church relocated, and the present sanctuary was built. The pastor who led the church at that time, Rev. James A. Smith, would serve the congregation for 25 years.

He was followed by Rev. Joseph E. Moore in 1984. During Rev. Moore's ten year stay, the church paved the parking lot, painted the exterior, and added lights, a new organ, and new pulpit furniture to the sanctuary.

The church received a new roof and carpeting under the leadership of Rev. Willie Laws. The church's first female pastor, Rev. Demetric L. Slaughter, led the church in improvements ... such as new signs, painting, furnishings, and the Wesley Fellowship Hall.

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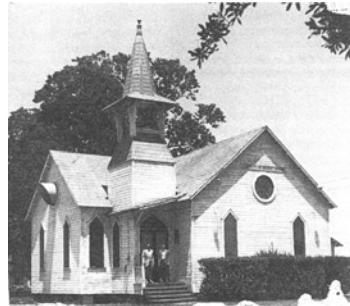
Take Hwy 19 north out of Baton Rouge. When you get to Wilson, you will see Hwy 68 to the left. Go a little further down the road and turn right on Caruth. Go 2.5 miles down the road and the church will be on the right.



First United Methodist Church - Zachary



City	Zachary
Address	4205 Church St.
Membership	680
Founded	1890



1914-1957

The first Methodist church in the area was Pipkin's Chapel in 1861. When Zachary became a town in 1889, a number of people decided to organize a Methodist Church. A number of the members of the declining Pipkin Chapel were active in forming the Zachary Church. When Pipkin Chapel was dissolved in 1896, Robert S. Knox bought the property and later sold it to the Magnolia Grove Baptist Church. The Chapel still stands today at the historical site on Old Bayou Sara Road, just opposite the Carney Road.

In 1890, 2 acres of property were acquired (for \$100) from Mrs. Emily Smith Sandiford. The first church, a white, one-room structure, was built by the following year, with Rev. J.T. Leggett as its first minister. A parsonage was also built, in 1892, on the church property and used until 1951. Membership during the 1890's stood at about 137.

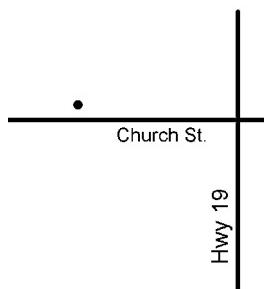
One day in March, 1914, a young black girl entered a service and informed the congregation that their church was burning! Everyone got out of the building, and rescued the furniture, but the church burned down. A new church was soon built at a cost of \$1600. Services were held in the Presbyterian Church during construction. This 1914 building was sold in 1957 and is now used by a black congregation at Baker and New Weis Street.

When the Olive Branch Church closed in 1932, its lumber was used to construct an educational building at Zachary. In 1941, the church became a full-time charge under Rev. B.A. Galloway. The first choir was organized in 1944. A building program began and saw the completion of a new sanctuary in 1949. A new parsonage was built in 1951. An educational building was completed in 1957. The administration building was built in 1974. In 1976, a pre-school (Little School) was begun. The sanctuary was renovated in 1982-1982. In 1985, Mr. and Mrs. R.O. McCraine donated 2 lots of land and a new parsonage was built. On January 8, 1995, a consecration service was held for a major expansion of the sanctuary, to include a balcony, choir loft renovations, and 3 parking lots.

SOURCE: Zachary United Methodist Church: 1890-1990

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 19 to Zachary. Turn left onto Church St. The church is on the right.



LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

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Basile United Methodist Church



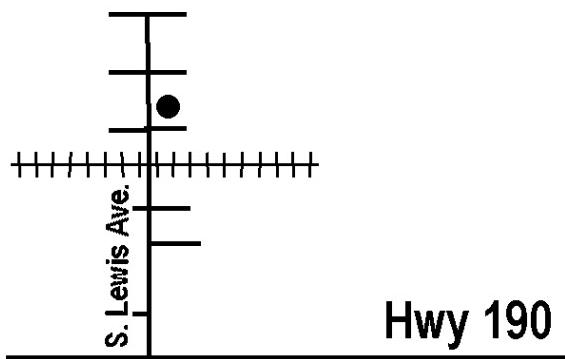
City	Basile
Address	N. Lewis Ave.
Membership	12
Founded	1914

The Basile Methodist Eipiscopal Church, South, organized in 1914, was one of the first churches to be established in the town. In 1920, the church built and operated a high school in the town. The school, the Evangeline Preparatory College charged twenty-five cents per month tuition. The school burned down five years later and the land was sold in 1939.

The current church building was constructed in 1920. Hebrand Aguillard, Frank Aguillard, and J.W. Hester provided most of the labor. In later years, a vestibule was added to the front of the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 65 from I-10 and head north to Basile on Hwy 97, then turning left onto Hwy 190. Or head west on Hwy 190 from Opelousas to Basile. Turn right on S. Lewis Ave. The church is just past the RR tracks.



Branch United Methodist Church



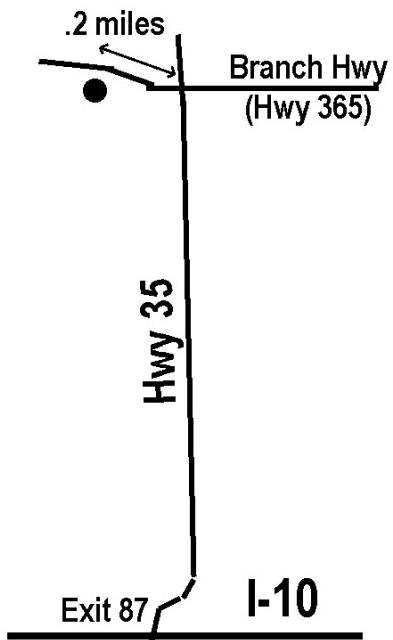
City	Branch
Address	Branch Hwy
Membership	14
Founded	1819

The area of Plaquemine Brulee was first visited by Methodist circuit riders in the early 1800s. Property for a church was purchased on November 19, 1819. Rev. Daniel DeVinne was appointed to the circuit and arrived in the area soon after. He wrote in his autobiography that they built the first Protestant church in the area while he served there. It was 24 by 36 feet "on the Spanish model." The walls were whitewashed plaster. Rev. DeVinne dedicated the church himself.

In 1895, the building was moved about a mile northeast to land donated by W.W. Duson. The old church was dismantled, and the original 8x8 cypress timbers were used to build a new church in 1947. Some of the material in the new church at Branch (such as a couple of cypress pews) came from the original church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 87 from I-10 and head north on Hwy 35. After 6.75 miles, turn left on Hwy 365 (Branch Hwy) at the flashing light. The church is on the left, 0.2 miles ahead.



Centenary United Methodist Church



City	Rayne
Address	308 N. Parkerson St.
Membership	89
Founded	1884

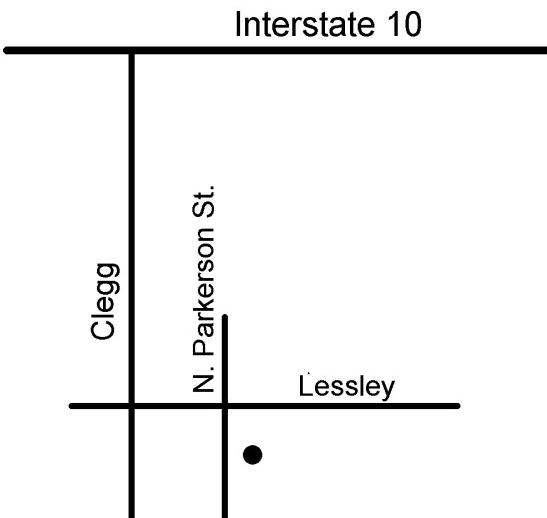
In the early 1880's, the widow of Dr. W.H. Cunningham donated a city block to the Methodist Church. In 1883, an Opelousas District Quarterly Conference was held by the Kimball Chapel (Indian Bayou) and Plaquemine Brulee (Branch) churches. Led by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Christian Keener, a resolution for the construction of a church in Rayne was adopted. Construction of the new church began the following year, in 1884. Bishop Keener (Christian's father) later presided at the dedication. The church was named "Centenary" because it was built on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Methodist Church in America.

A Sunday School and a Women's Parsonage and Home Mission Society were soon established. In 1919, a building (known as the "Hut") was constructed under the leadership of Rev. E.C. Gunn. The building served as a meeting place for the church's organizations, including the Men's Bible Class. A new parsonage was built in 1951 and dedicated four years later.

The history of the Centenary Church was recorded by Mrs. W.F. Johnston (1924) and again by Mrs. H.A. MacDonald (1955).

How to Get There:

Take the Rayne exit off of Hwy 10 and head south (into the city). After about a mile, turn left off of Clegg onto Lessley. Head east for 3 blocks and then turn right. The church will be 1/2 block down on your left.



Church Point United Methodist Church



City	Church Point
Address	N. Plaquemine St.
Membership	49
Founded	1889

Methodists first began meeting in Church Point in 1889. The first services, led by Rev. R.M. Blocker, were held under a brush arbor on the Evan's property on the north bank of Bayou Plaquemine. Rev. Blocker made the trip from Plaquemine Brulee near Branch where he was serving. Rev. Blocker stayed at Dr. Jenkins' home during the two-week revival. Sixty-one people came forward to start a church at Church Point. An arpent of land in town was purchased on April 24, 1891 for \$150 from Valentine Breaux. The first church building was constructed of wood that year using mostly volunteer labor.

Around 1935, a parsonage was built next to the church so that they could house a full-time minister. When that home was sold and moved from the property in 1959, they bought the Theodore Daigle home to use as a parsonage. It was dedicated on March 15, 1964.

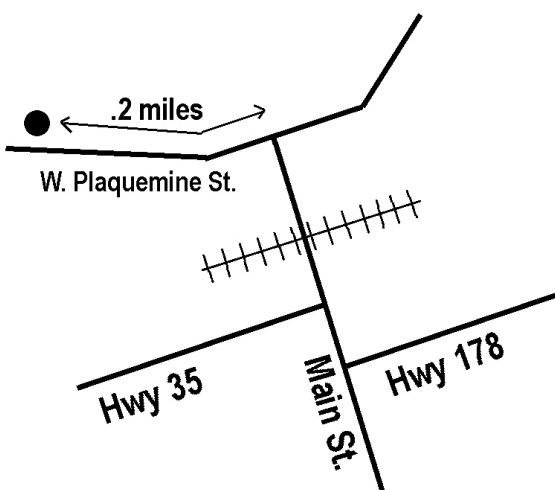
In 1948, the church was taken down. Using some of the lumber from the old church, a new church was constructed on the site. Services were held at the Woodman of the World Hall during construction. The new church included three classrooms, a kitchen, and a study.

The parsonage was sold in December 1974. A new one was built next to the church. Rev. and Mrs. Etienne Brouillette moved in the new parsonage on September 12, 1975. It was dedicated on January 11, 1976.

The cemetery is behind the church.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 35 north of I-10 or Hwy 178 west of I-49 to Church Point. Turn north on Main St. and cross the RR tracks. Turn left at the light on W. Plaquemine St. The church is on the right 0.2 miles ahead.



First United Methodist Church - Crowley



City	Crowley
Address	321 E. Third St.
Membership	358
Founded	1888



1888-1913

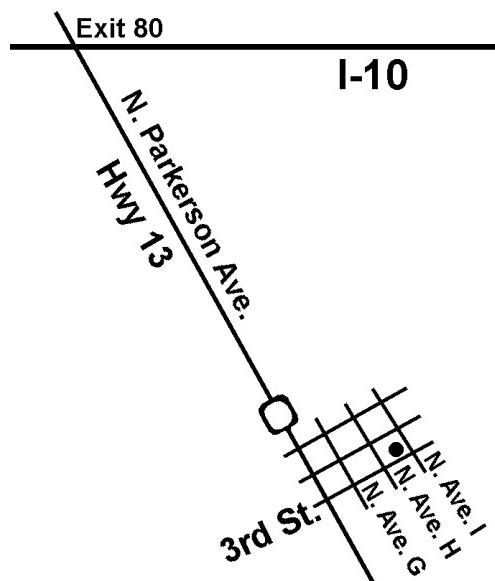
The first services and Sunday School were held in a one-room schoolhouse in West Crowley in 1887. Rev. H.O. White, the pastor at Rayne, would travel to town to hold services.

W.W. Duson donated a lot, and construction began on the first church (of any denomination) in Crowley on October 8, 1888. The Houma church had been sold that year, and provided some of the funds. The first service was held on Christmas Eve that year. The church wasn't completed, so members had to sit on planks. The wood structure, with a tall steeple enclosing a bell, was completed by February 1890 at the corner of Third Street and Avenue I.

By 1909, the congregation had outgrown the church. Plans were made for a new \$30,000 church and ground was broken on Thanksgiving Day 1912. The congregation continued to meet in the old church (which was moved to Avenue I) until the new church was completed. The first service in the new church took place on January 31, 1914. Eleven stained glass windows, made in St. Louis of German glass, were installed in the church. The pipe organ, which was installed in 1913, became worn during the years. So in 1965 it was decided to replace the organ and to remodel the chancel. The new pedal organ, with twenty-four ranks of pipe, was dedicated on February 18, 1968.

How to Get There:

Take exit 80 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 13. After 1.8 miles, turn left on 3rd St. The church is 3 blocks ahead on the left.



DeQuincy United Methodist Church



City	DeQuincy
Address	301 E. Center St.
Membership	230
Founded	Before 1908



1919-1957

The first mention of the DeQuincy church in the records appears in the report of the 1908 Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Pastor W.F. Bolton reported a full membership of 87 and \$1,200 in property value. There was also \$590 spent on the building of a parsonage that year. We know very little of those early days because a hurricane in 1918 destroyed most of the local records.

It appears that pastoral care in those early days was intermittent. Most of the residents were Baptist with few Methodists in the area. One member of that day referred to the church as a "big, crude barn" that had never been completed. It was located between Third and Fourth Streets on Front Street, just north of the service station. The parsonage was on the north side of the church. Property was purchased ... lots 3 and 4 of block 3.

After the 1918 storm destroyed the church and parsonage, a lot on the corner of Holly and Center Streets was purchased for \$400 on March 17, 1919. District Superintendent J.A. Carruth led the congregation in building the new church that year. The white church, painted white and built on piers, cost \$4,500 and was 40 by 56 feet in size. A new parsonage was built on the opposite corner. The first pastor in the new parsonage was Rev. C.M. Hollett who arrived in 1920.

On July 12, 1921, lot 8 of block 3 east of the church was purchased for an annex of classrooms. An open-air tabernacle was built in the early 1920s on the south side of the church for holding revivals.

In 1947, an education building was acquired under the leadership of Rev. Spinks. The building had been a chapel at the DeRidder Air Force Base. In 1957, the decision was made to construct a new church. The old church was taken down and the new church completed by the end of 1958. The dedication service was held on May 5, 1963.

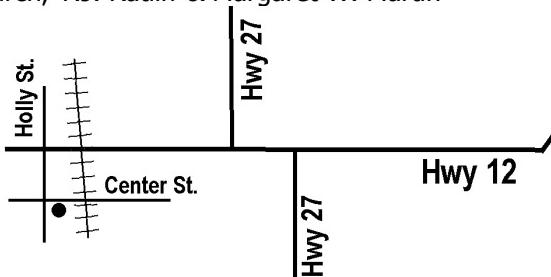
When the education building was badly damaged by a fire on March 1, 1966, it was decided to build a new one. The new fellowship hall was built in early 1967. The church built a new parsonage in the Boise Southern Addition in 1972.

In 1988, property on the south side of the church was purchased. The house on the lot was sold and the lot reserved for parking space. The fellowship hall was remodeled in 1991 and a new activity building was built in 1994.

Source: History of DeQuincy United Methodist Church, T.J. Ratliff & Margaret W. Martin

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 171 north from Lake Charles to Ragley. Take Hwy 112 west to DeQuincy. One block past the RR tracks, turn left on Holly St. The church is one block away at the corner of Center and Holly.



First United Methodist Church - DeRidder



City	DeRidder
Address	212 Broad
Membership	731
Founded	1901

The first religious body in the town was a union Sunday School that met in the Oddfellows Hall. Out of this group came the DeRidder Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Organized in 1901, its first pastor was Rev. Nelson Hoffpauir. By 1902, the meeting place had been moved to the first floor of the Masonic Hall. In 1905, the Hudson River Lumber Company gave the church two lots on the northeast corner of the present courthouse square. The cornerstone of the church was laid on July 2, 1905. It was a frame building with a gabled roof, high arched windows, and a bell tower. Services weren't held in the new church until November due to a yellow fever epidemic in the area.

The church property was sold for \$7,500 on September 11, 1913 to make room for parish buildings since DeRidder had become the parish seat. The church building was moved to New Heights Road (present-day Martin Luther King Drive). Later that year, James E. McMahon turned down other offers to sell property at the corner of Pine and Port Streets to the church for \$2,000. Rev. Walter S. Henry was appointed to the church in December 1914 to help with the building of the new church. The brick church was completed the following year. At the rear of the sanctuary was a large meeting room surrounded by Sunday School rooms. The first parsonage was acquired at this time.

In 1920, the 75th session of the Louisiana Annual Conference was held in DeRidder. When the parsonage burned down in 1931, a new one was rebuilt in the same location.

By 1951, the church had outgrown its educational facilities. Extra Sunday School classes were begin held at the parsonage and at a rented house across Pine Street. The church raised \$32,000 to start work on a new education building in April of 1951. The remainder of the cost (\$43,000) was paid off in the next three years. Besides classrooms, the new building contained an office, parlor, fellowship hall, kitchen, and pastor's study.

A new parsonage was built on Lee Avenue on property donated by J.H. Cain and L.C. Lee in 1958.

By the 1960s, the church had outgrown its sanctuary. Property on the corner of Shirley and Broad Streets was purchased from the J.D. Frazer family. Construction began on the Georgian Colonial design in January 1965. The new church included ten stained glass windows, a rose window, and a pipe organ. The first service in the new church was held in January 1966.

The Methodist Men led in remodeling the old facilities into a recreational area and fellowship hall. The old parsonage was moved to make room for a play area. Another lot on the block was purchased at that time.

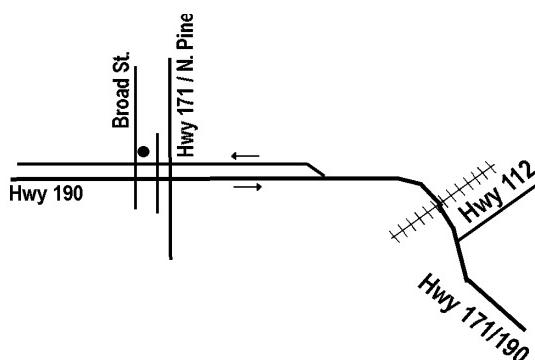
After a lot on the corner of Pine and Shirley Streets was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Sartor, Jr. in the late 1980s, plans for a Family Life Center were begun. The \$1.2 project began under the leadership of Rev. Rick Hebert and was completed while Rev. John and Marie Williams served the church in 1994.

A prayer garden was constructed in 1983-84 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Cain. The 1958 parsonage was replaced by a new one on Doctor Beckcom Drive in 1987.

Source: History of DeRidder UMC

How to Get There:

Head north to DeRidder on Hwy 171/190. The highway makes a left turn (Hwy 112 is to the right). Continue west on Hwy 171/190. The church is past the RR tracks on the right ... 2 blocks past N. Pine St. (where Hwy 171 turns north).



Ebenezer United Methodist Church



City	Ebenezer
Address	Ebenezer Rd.
Membership	84
Founded	1889

The church was organized by Rev. Cline on September 1, 1889. Local founders of the church were Rev. William Shepherd and Walter Faulk. The church appears to have occupied the same piece of land over the years.

A parsonage was built on land bought in 1897 for \$30 from Benjamin Faulk.

The original church was replaced in August 1909 with a second church building. It was dedicated in 1913 by Bishop Thirkield and Rev. J.A. Carruth. The church was incorporated at that time. In the 1930s, a new roof was added and the church was painted.

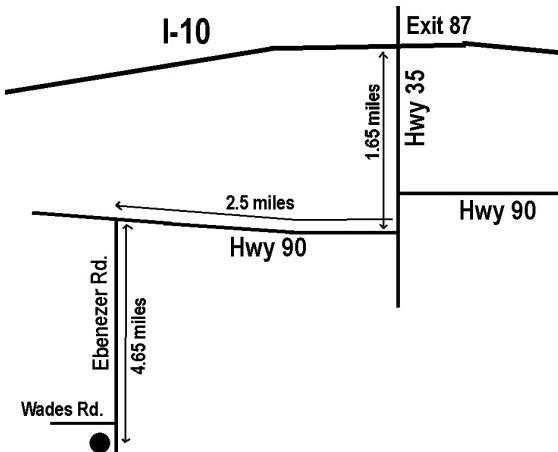
On March 13, 1955, the Quarterly Conference approved the building of a new church by the Ebenezer congregation. The new structure was completed the following year under the leadership of Rev. Travis Campbell. In April 1957, the Hebron Methodist Church (located four miles away) merged with the Ebenezer church. Hebron began as Perry's Point Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1893 under the leadership of Rev. W.J. Porter. It was renamed Hebron in 1903 while Rev. F.N. Sweeney served as pastor.

A new parsonage was built in 1969. A fellowship hall was added in 1975. In 1983-84, the sanctuary and classrooms were remodeled.

The cemetery is behind the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 87 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 35 for 1.65 miles. Turn right (west) on Hwy 90. After about 2.5 miles, turn left on Ebenezer Rd. The church is on the right 4.65 miles down the road just past Wades Rd. (Hwy 3007).



Elizabeth United Methodist Church



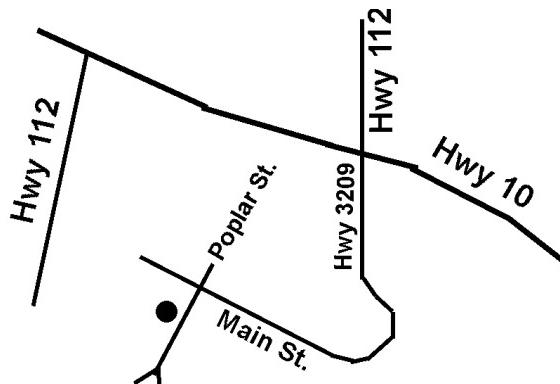
City	Elizabeth
Address	Poplar St.
Membership	33
Founded	1921

The first services were held in the Parks home. For about two years, the Methodists and Baptists alternated services. The building was then converted into a hospital (it was the only one with electricity in the area) and services moved to the schoolhouse. That didn't work, so they bought a tent and held services underneath.

Property was later bought on the Front and Fifth Streets. Construction began in 1920 and was completed the following year. Rev. Riggs led their first service in the new church, which was a dedication service.

How to Get There:

Head to Oakdale on Hwy 165 or Hwy 10. Continue west on Hwy 10 to Elizabeth. Turn left on Hwy 3206 at a flashing yellow light. Follow a curvy road that bends to the right (and becomes Main St.) until you get to Poplar St. (just past the Baptist Church) on the left. Take a left and the church will be just down the road on your right.



Elton United Methodist Church



City	Elton
Address	Broadway
Membership	56
Founded	1911

In 1908-09, Sunday School classes began in Elton. They were held in a variety of locations ... warehouses, schools, stores, and homes. At the time of a 1909 tent revival, a young man passed away. Realizing there was no church to hold services, the Protestant families began raising funds to build a structure. A lot at 803 2nd Street was purchased from the Aylsworth family for \$100. With the help and donations of local people, the church was built in 1910-11. It was completed in June of 1911.

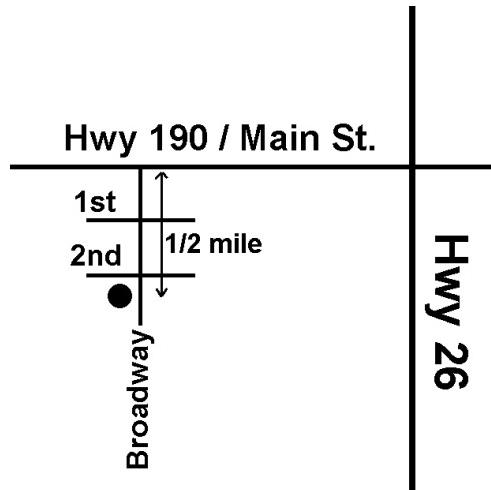
Classrooms and a pastor's study were added in 1958.

On September 30, 1994, the church was added to the National Register of Historic Places. It is a rare example of Gothic Revival architecture in Jefferson Davis parish.

Source: A Short History of the Elton United Methodist Church, Thelma Brower

How to Get There:

Head west on Hwy 190 from Opelousas to Elton. From Hwy 190 (Main St.) in Elton, turn left on Broadway St. The church is on the right after 2 blocks.



First United Methodist Church - Eunice



City	Eunice
Address	5 th St.
Membership	167
Founded	1894

At the end of the 19th century, Methodists began to meet in homes for worship services and Sunday School classes. On August 6, 1896, one of the founders of Eunice, C.C. Duson, donated the land for the church. For its first two years, Rev. W.E. Fraser came to town from his home in Lake Charles once a month to hold services.

The Baptists and Methodists took turns holding Sunday School on Sunday afternoons in the Methodist church until the Baptists built their own building in 1905. At that time, all Protestant marriages in Eunice were recorded at the Methodist church.

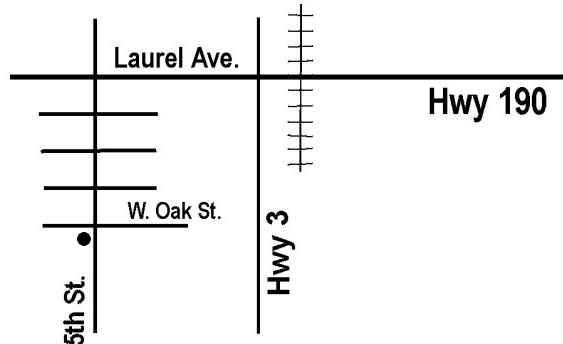
A parsonage was built under the leadership of Rev. S.D. Howard (1909-10). A larger church was built in 1918. That second church was replaced by a brick edifice in the early 1940s. The stained glass windows memorialize past leaders in the church.

In 1950, a new parsonage was built, along with an education building. The final unit of the education building was added in 1960.

The parsonage was remodeled in 1978. In 1983, the roof and ceiling of the education building were renovated.

How to Get There:

From I-49 in Opelousas, head west on Hwy 190 to Eunice. Turn left on 5th St. The church is 4 blocks ahead, just past W. Oak St.



Fairview United Methodist Church

City	
Address	Davis Rd.
Membership	41
Founded	1955



In the mid 1950s, retired Methodist minister Martin Hebert was holding interdenominational services in the area. They decided to become a denominational church on March 20, 1955 so that the children and young people would have membership in an organized church.

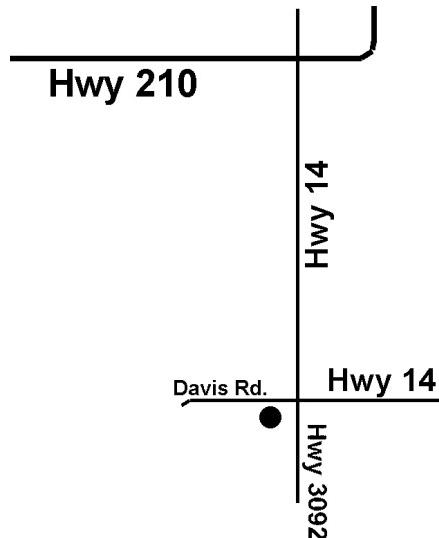
The Fairview Demonstration Club building was rented and the first service held on April 3, 1955. There were thirty-one people at that service. The District Superintendent, Karl Tooke, led the group in organizing the Fairview Methodist Church on June 23, 1955 with twenty-seven members. Rev. Hebert was its first pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Hebert donated land on which to build a church. Construction on the church began on July 19, 1955. Work was led by Thomas Hebert, with the labor being donated or volunteered. Though still unfinished, the first service in the new church was held on September 18, 1955.

Rev. Hebert was getting along in years and stepped down from the pulpit in 1957. His successors, Rev. Garland Dean and then Rev. W.F. Howell, led the congregation in building an addition to the church facilities.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 14 from Lake Charles. When Hwy 14 makes a left turn and Hwy 3092 is straight ahead, take a right on Davis Rd. The church is on the left.



Grand Chenier United Methodist Church



City	Grand Chenier
Address	Hwy 82
Membership	50
Founded	1859

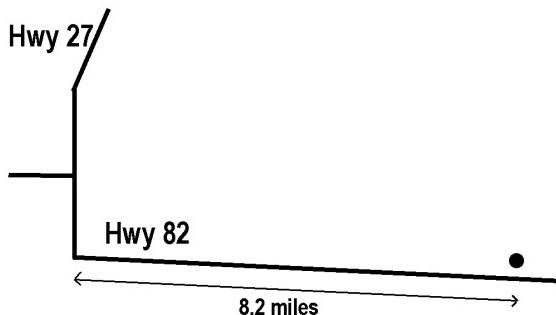
Methodism began in Grand Chenier around 1855, and a church was constructed on Alvin McCall's property. The records record a ten day meeting with a class being organized in 1859. On October 8 of that year, Grand Chenier became a mission church and Rev. Joel Sanders was appointed. In 1879 a records shows that Grand Chenier had ten black members.

After a gap in the records, we find that the original church was destroyed in the August 1918 hurricane. Services were then held at the school and in private homes. In 1924, Rev. Willie Hebert led the congregation in purchasing property from Capt. C.C. Nelson. A new church, called the Grand Chenier Protestant Church, was completed in 1925. In 1947, the facilities and property were given to the Methodist Church when Rev. Raymond Pierson was pastor.

After the 1925 church was destroyed by hurricane Audrey in 1957, a new sanctuary was built in 1958. It was paid off on April 12, 1963. The church bell, which had survived the hurricane, was installed in the new church. The dedication service was held on May 5 of that year. In 1998, the front window was replaced with the present window, depicting a cross with praying hands.

How to Get There:

Head south to Cameron from Lake Charles on Hwy 14 ... which turns into Hwy 27. Go past the Hwy 27 turnoff to Oak Grove and turn left onto Hwy 82 at the flashing light. The church is on the left, 8.2 miles to the east of the turn.



Gueydan United Methodist Church



City	Gueydan
Address	Main St.
Membership	162
Founded	1898

In the late 1800s, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Doss, Sr. began holding union Sunday School at their home. Preaching occurred on Sunday afternoons in the shade of their store. Later on, meetings were held at the schoolhouse, and then at a rice warehouse when the crowd got too big.

The church was organized by Rev. P.R. Knickerbocker in January 1898 with eight charter members. Thirty-two members were added in the first year. Rev. S.L. Riggs was appointed as the first minister in 1899. Jean Pierre Gueydan donated property at 511 Daspit Street to the church in June 1900, and a church was built later that year. A parsonage was built under the leadership of Rev. H.L. Johns in 1904-05. The home, at 701 Levert Street, cost about as much as the church (\$1,200-1,500). Both debts were paid in the next few years. Since it was the only Protestant church in town in those early years, Presbyterian and Baptist congregations also used the building for services.

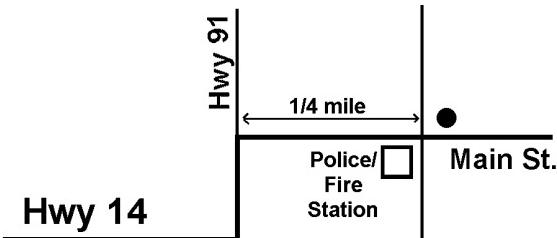
In 1905, Rev. J.A. Carruth organized a Methodist Episcopal church on Daspit and Eighth Streets. When the congregation disbanded in 1927, the building was moved next to the Gueydan church and used as an education building.

In the 1940s, land and a home were purchased from Mrs. Agnes Abraham Bunker. A new parsonage and new church facilities were completed in 1949. The home, a duplex, was renovated and turned into a parsonage. The new Gothic-style sanctuary and education buildings cost \$70,000. The mortgage was burned in February of 1954 while Rev. D.B. Boddie served as pastor. In succeeding year, new pews, an organ, and faceted glass windows were added.

Three people have gone out of Gueydan as ministers: W.J. Doss, Jr., E.V. Duplantis, and Charles Richard Hoffpauir.

How to Get There:

Take exit 76 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 91 (Estherwood Hwy). Turn right (west) on Hwy 90. After about 2 miles, turn left (south) on Hwy 91 (S. Crocker St.) and go to Gueydan. Turn left on Main St. The church is a quarter mile ahead on the left.



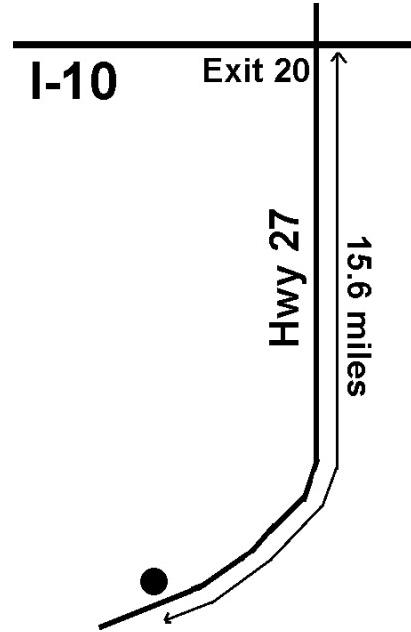
Hackberry United Methodist Church



City	Hackberry
Address	Hwy 27
Membership	28
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take exit 20 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 27. The church is on the right side of the road, 15.6 miles south of I-10.



Haskin Chapel United Methodist Church

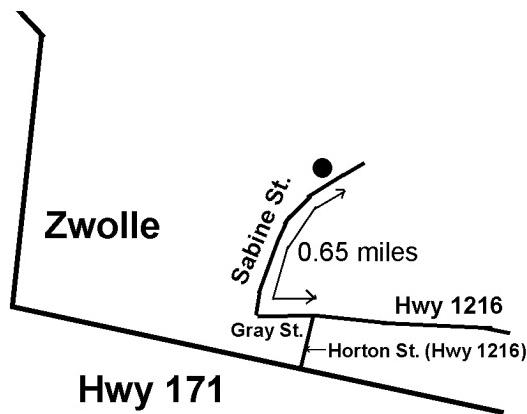


City	Zwolle
Address	1836 N. Sabine
Membership	17
Founded	1908

Local residents organized the church along the old Many highway in November 1908. The church was named after its first pastor, Rev. J.J. Haskin. In 1938, Joseph Ferguson gave the church permission to rebuild on his property. The community lent a hand to clear the land and put up the church. The land was purchased on February 18, 1957 by Mr. J.B. and Mrs. Estelle White and donated to the church. On September 15, 1957, the church remodeling work was completed. On November 9, 1992, the congregation purchased land next to the church.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 171 to Zwolle. About a mile past the city limits sign, turn right on Horton St. (Hwy 1216). Go a quarter mile and turn left on Gay St. Follow the road for 0.55 miles around a curve to the right. The church will be on the left.



Hayes United Methodist Church



City	Hayes
Address	Hwy 14
Membership	22
Founded	1898

Protestant services were held intermittently in the area, first known as Dugas Prairie in the 1800s. Records from 1859 list a Lacassine Class of 18 people that consisted of people that would later form the Hayes congregation.

Some members recalled a Rev. Joe Berwick holding services in homes there as early as 1885. Meetings under brush arbors can be recalled from the 1890s. Sometimes services were held in the one-room schoolhouse. When the school burned, efforts at building a church were begun. The first church building was constructed in 1898 with Rev. Robert P. Howell as pastor. It had one room, approximately 24 by 32 feet in size and made of cypress. It was unpainted with glass windows and a small foot-powered organ. It was the only church in the area for the next 10 years.

The town of Hayes sprang up when the railroad was completed between Lake Charles and Lake Arthur. To position the church in a better location with respect to the town, the church was moved sometime between 1905 and 1907. Billy Cox used a logging wagon to move the church to a piece of land acquired from Solomon Hayes. The building was shared with the Baptists until 1915.

On August 6, 1918, a hurricane destroyed the church. The Methodists used the new Baptist church for services for several years after this. In 1926, the congregation purchased a dance hall (formerly a school building) and used it for services until 1939. Since there was often no regular minister assigned to the church, services were random ... though Sunday School continued uninterrupted.

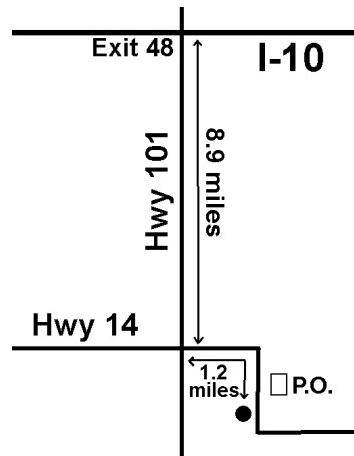
With the help of a gift from Mrs. Ettie Holland Bernard in 1939, a new church was built. The first pastor assigned to the new church was Rev. Carrigan.

In 1960, the sanctuary was renovated and rooms (fellowship, kitchen, restroom) were added.

Source: History of Hayes United Methodist Church,
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How to Get There:

Take exit 48 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 101 for 9.9 miles. The road then turns left. After the left turn, go 1.2 miles (around a curve to the right). In Hayes, turn right on Lacassine and the church will be on the right.



Henning Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Sulphur
Address	S. Huntington St.
Membership	1261
Founded	1885

In 1884, presiding elder Rev. Christian Keener bought a lot in the back of Burton's Hardware on North Huntington Street for \$50. The following year, John T. Henning and two carpenters built a church on the property.

After a donation by Dr. D.S. Perkins in 1892, new property was purchased and the "little black church" was built. The old church was sold. The first Sunday School was organized in 1898, and the first ladies group was organized in 1904. The men's group wasn't organized until 1946.

In 1918, the "little black church" was destroyed by a hurricane. The bell that stood in the belfry was sold to a Methodist church (northern branch). Construction of a new church began the following year. A bell was purchased from the Westlake Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the 1930s, the name of the church was changed to Henning Memorial to honor John T. Henning.

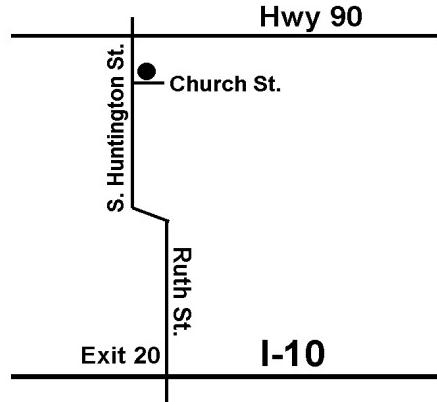
When the congregation outgrew its facilities in the 1950s, a new sanctuary and parsonage were built. In the 1960s, the sanctuary was demolished and a new fellowship hall erected on the spot. A new sanctuary was built, with an education building attached to the rear. The education building contained classrooms, a parlor, and offices.

In 1974, the prayer garden was dedicated. The bell tower in the garden contains the bell from the former sanctuary. The following year, W.L. Henning and J.T. Henning donated their parents' home to be used as an activity center. The lot behind it was later purchased.

In the 1980s, a parsonage was purchased at 1900 Diane Drive. A paved parking lot was added when two lots were bought on Ruth Street on the east side of the church. The Family Life Center was constructed on Ruth Street as well. Additional property was added when land was purchased on Cherry, Ruth, and Elizabeth Streets.

How to Get There:

Take exit 20 from I-10 and head north on Hwy 27. The church is on the right side of Hwy 27 (Huntington St.), just past Church St.



Holly Grove United Methodist Church



City	Anacoco
Address	Holly Grove Rd.
Membership	90
Founded	1854

The first Methodist services at Holly Grove may have been conducted by Rev. Henry Stephenson. He held services in the local schoolhouse in 1826. In 1837, Rev. Luke Conerly and J.W. Franklin bought 40 acres of land and patented it to the Holly Grove Church.

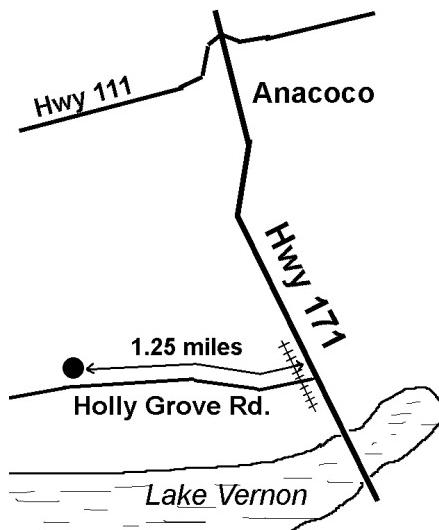
Although the congregation began as a Methodist Protestant church, when Joel Sanders was appointed in 1841 it was taken over by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Sanders' circuit was from Bienville to Holly Grove, then across Bayou Toro at its mouth to Negreet, then to Many, then to Bayou Scie, then to Pleasant Hill, and finally back to Bienville.

A log building, 24 by 30 feet, was constructed in 1854 (at approximately the same location as the present church). Hewn logs were used for the pulpit and the pews. The building was also used as a school during the week. The log church was replaced with a boxed church in 1872. In 1894 a two-story frame church was built by the congregation. The Masons used the second floor, and church services were held on the first. The porch was four feet high so that ladies could easily dismount from their horses. The second floor was removed and an addition was added to the north side of the building in 1915.

A new church was constructed across the road from the old church in 1977. The old church was left with its furnishings and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 171 from DeRidder towards Anacoco. Take the first left (Holly Grove Rd.) after passing over the Lake Vernon bridge. The church is on the right 1.25 miles down the road. The old church and cemetery are on the left side of the road.



Hopewell United Methodist Church



City	
Address	
Membership	52
Founded	1878

The church, located in northwest Allen Parish, may have been organized in the mid 1860s. A cemetery was established nearby at that time. The first pastor on record was Rev. P. Galvin in 1878. The first church was built of split logs. The pews were made of twelve inch planks for the seat and back. It was heated by a large fireplace.

A pledge dated July 20, 1890, signed by twelve people, declared they would pay \$51.20 to build a new wooden Methodist Church by November 15, 1890. During the week, that second church was used as a school. It burned down in 1895.

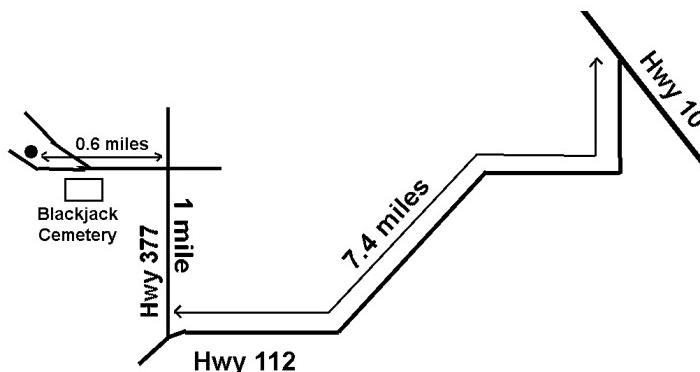
The current church building is the fourth one used by the congregation through the years. It was built in 1911. Five acres were donated to the church by Rufus Lee McFarland. The school board bought another acre from the Industrial Lumber Company and donated it to the church. An education building was added later.

Under the leadership of Rev. James Taylor (1909-1910), a mission church was established at Rocky Hill.

The Sunday School was reorganized in 1943 under the leadership of deaconess Shiela Nuttall and Rev. T.D. Lipscomb. Norma K. Garlington, a member of the church, became a deaconess in 1959 and a diaconal minister in 1977.

How to Get There:

Head to Oakdale on Hwy 165 or Hwy 10. Continue west on Hwy 10 to Elizabeth. A mile past the flashing light in Elizabeth, turn left (south) on Hwy 112. Go 7.4 miles and turn right on Hwy 377. After going 1 mile on Hwy 377, turn left. When the road forks, veer to the left by the cemetery. The church will be straight ahead



Hornbeck United Methodist Church



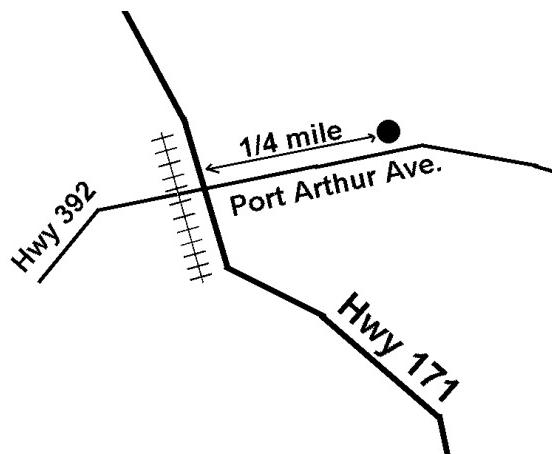
City	Hornbeck
Address	Pt. Arthur Ave.
Membership	31
Founded	1902

The congregation first met under brush arbors in the late 1800s. After land was donated by N.A. McInnis, a church was built in 1902. The sanctuary was round. The lectern stood in front of the choir, and a pump organ provided the music. A metal chandelier with kerosene lamps hung in the center. A large circular stained glass window was on the west wall. In 1909, Henry Beckcom gave the church some land next to his farm to use as a cemetery.

The original church burned down in 1938. Since it was at the time of the Depression, the new church was smaller and was built with donated lumber and fixtures discarded from other churches. The church was renovated in 1963. The windows got a facelift in 1982/83 and the parking lot was paved. A new education building dedicated to L.B. Youngblood was completed in 1991. Vinyl siding was added to the church in 1992.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 171 to Hornbeck. Turn right (east) at the flashing yellow light onto Pt. Arthur Ave. The church is on the left, a quarter mile ahead.



Indian Bayou United Methodist Church



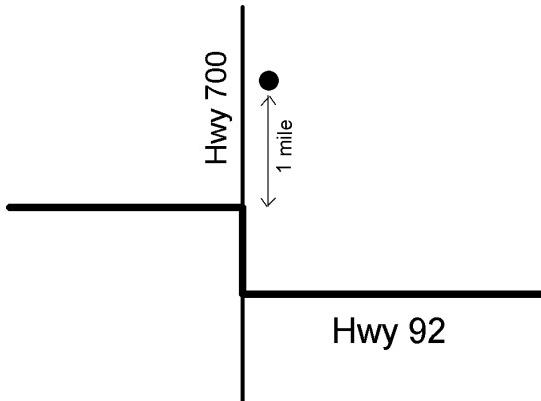
City	Indian Bayou
Address	Hwy. 700
Membership	190
Founded	1862

Methodist circuit riders first made their way to the Indian Bayou area in the early 1800's. Isaac Hoffpauir was converted to Methodism by one such preacher in 1834. Isaac and his new wife settle at Indian Bayou the next year. Meetings led by Hoffpauir and others were held at private homes for years.

Finally, in 1862, a church was built. Known at that time as Kimball's Chapel, its first pastor (appointed in 1872) was Abel Hoffpauir (Isaac's son). Through the years, the church has produced many outstanding Methodists. Three members who went on to join the ministry are Ivy Hoffpauir, Louis Hoffpauir, and Glynn Foreman.

How to Get There:

Head south out of Rayne on Hwy 35. Seven miles south of Rayne you will turn left on Hwy 92. You will come to a "T" where Hwy 92 will go right and Hwy 700 North goes to the left. Turn left onto Hwy 700. The church will be one mile down on your right. The cemetery is a few hundred yards further down the road.



Iota United Methodist Church



City	Iota
Address	S. 5 th St.
Membership	27
Founded	1902

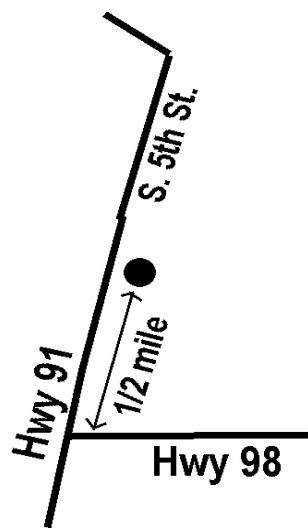
On December 6, 1901, C.C. Duson donated a lot to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The church was constructed the following year and was paid off by 1905.

Attendance went down after World War I when many members moved away. Rev. George Walton Dameron helped get the church going again. The families of Cleophas Amy and Mrs. Martha Hayes were also instrumental in keeping the church going in the lean years.

The current church was built in 1938 using donations and building materials from the 1902 church that was taken down. A 600 pound brass bell that had hung in the Acadian Parish courthouse in the 1880s was given to the church and was installed in the church tower. The bell was moved to the District Camp for 12 years, but was returned to the church. The parsonage was purchased in 1957. Classrooms were constructed and the church yard was fenced.

How to Get There:

Take exit 72 from I-10 and head north on Egan Hwy for 2 miles. At the Hwy 91 intersection turn left. Head north on Hwy 91 to Iota. The church will be on the right, about half a mile north of the Hwy 98 east intersection.



First United Methodist Church - Iowa



City	Iowa
Address	S. Kinney St.
Membership	156
Founded	1902

The first services were held by Rev. Wm. B. Van Valkenburgh in 1901 in the schoolhouse. There were nine charter members. Various Protestant denominations attended those early services. Property was purchased on the corner of Thomson Avenue and Second Street. A church building was completed and dedicated the following year. It took a while to build, because the man had to transport the lumber in a wagon and worked on the church in their spare time. The first parsonage was built in 1903.

When the original church building was damaged in a 1918 hurricane, it was sold and moved off of the property. The congregation bought the Congregational Church and parsonage, located at the corner of Kenny Avenue and Second Street, for \$3,200. A new annex was completed in 1927 and added classrooms and a kitchen. Additional rooms were added in 1943. The parsonage was taken down in 1947 and replaced with a new one. It was dedicated on March 7, 1948.

The present sanctuary was built in 1950, holding its first service on November 7. A few years later, new pews were purchased. The sanctuary was dedicated on May 9, 1954.

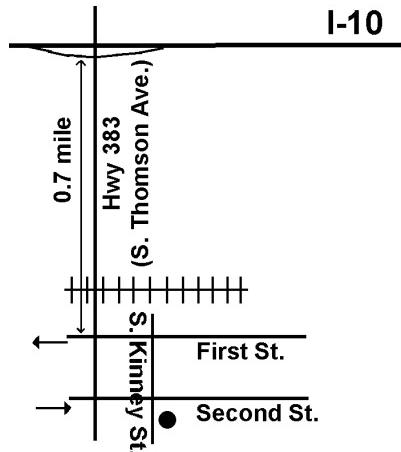
In the mid 1980s, the church acquired a new parsonage on Lightner Street. The 1943 building and the 1947 parsonage were sold in 1986 so that an educational wing could be added to the church facilities. In the summer of 1986, the chancel and choir areas of the sanctuary were renovated. The educational wing was dedicated on April 20, 1988 under the leadership of Rev. Mark Benge. It contained six classrooms, restrooms, a nursery, and a storage area.

Stained glass windows were installed in the sanctuary in 1995. A stained glass window was added to the narthex, which was renovated that year. The following year, a pre-school program was started. This required remodeling of the classrooms and enclosing the playground on the south side.

Though the church doesn't have a cemetery, many of its former members are buried in nearby Pine Hill Cemetery.

How to Get There:

Take exit 43 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 383 (Thompson Rd.). After 0.7 miles, turn left on First St. Then turn right on S. Kinney St. and the church will be one block ahead on the left.



Jennings United Methodist Church



City	Jennings
Address	702 Cary
Membership	388
Founded	1888



1889-1955

In the fall of 1888, Rev. P.A. Drown arrived from the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to organize a church. The roll of the church as it was organized in December 1888 lists 19 members. Work soon began on the church, which was completed the following year (1889). That church burned down in 1893 but was immediately rebuilt. The (Gulf) Annual Conference for the north branch of Methodism met often in Jennings (one of the largest congregations in the Conference).

In the mid 1940s, plans began to construct new facilities. The old church was sold. Services were held at the Masonic Hall while the education building was built. The education building was completed at the end of the decade and fundraising plans began for a new sanctuary. On October 2, 1955, the first service was held in the new sanctuary. Rev. Crichlow and Bishop Paul E. Martin led the service. The dedication service led by Rev. William F. Mayo and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton was later held on February 14, 1965.

In 1958-59, the old parsonage was torn down and a new brick home constructed.

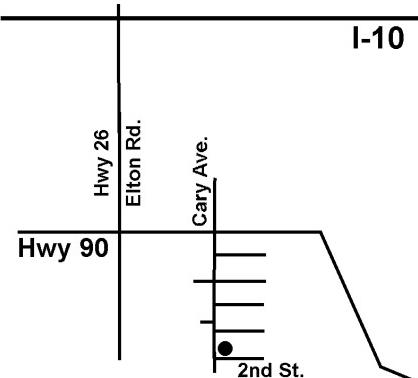
By the mid 1970s, the church was outgrowing its walls again. The facilities were renovated in 1978.

On May 31, 1998, the Trinity United Methodist Church merged with the Jennings congregation. Trinity was founded by Rev. E.J. Church in 1897 as a United Brethren Church. The first church, made of wood with a unique covered entrance and bell tower, was built in 1902. Classrooms were added in 1926 and 1951.

A new church and classrooms were built in 1962. The dedication service for the sanctuary, chapel, and classrooms was held on December 17, 1962. The church became the Trinity United Methodist Church after the 1968 merger. Since both churches were now the same denomination and only three blocks apart, the congregations merged their resources to become one.

How to Get There:

Take exit 64 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 26 (Elton Rd.). Turn left at the 3rd light onto Hwy 90 (Shankland Ave.). Then turn right on Cary. The church is 1/3 mile ahead on the left.



Jones United Methodist Church

City	Welsh
Address	203 North King St.
Membership	37
Founded	1901



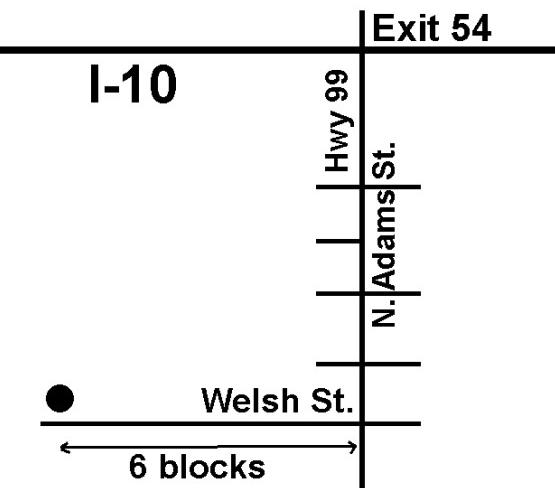
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Though some records list the beginning of the church in 1898, the church was organized by Rev. Welsh in 1901 on the first block of South Adams Street. It was later moved to the 600 block of West North Street. Wanting a better location, the church relocated to the corner of North King and West Welsh Streets in 1928 under the leadership of Rev. Haynes.

Plans for a new church began under the leadership of Rev. Robert Harris. It was completed when Rev. Willie B. Sweat served as pastor. The church was consecrated in October of 1980. The cornerstone was laid at the southeast corner on October 10, 1982.

How to Get There:

Take exit 54 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 99 to Welsh St. Turn right and the church will be 6 blocks ahead on the right.



Kaplan United Methodist Church

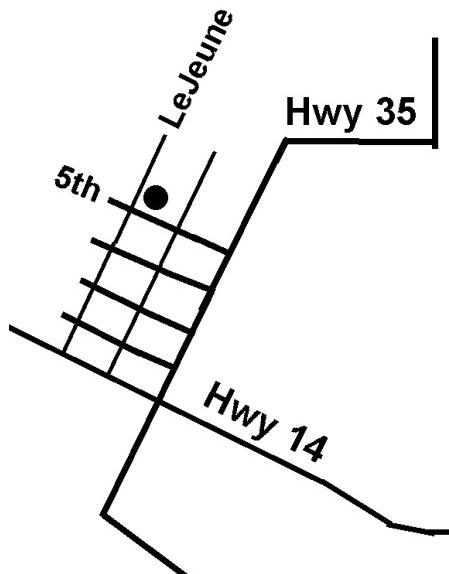


City	Kaplan
Address	501 N. LeJeune Ave.
Membership	42
Founded	Early 1900s

The first services in the area were held by Rev. Martin Hebert under a tent. Later services were held at the Kaplan School on North Lejeune Avenue. Land was deeded to the church on April 14, 1916 by the Irving Irrigation Company. The church was built on that property. A fellowship hall and education addition were added in 1948. When the congregation began to outgrow their facilities, Rev J.B. McCann began a building fund in 1961. C.J. Montgomery, a contractor and member of the church, volunteered his services in early 1982 and work began on a new church in August of that year. The first service in the new sanctuary was led by Rev. John W. Guyre on July 24, 1983.

How to Get There:

Take exit 87 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 35. Turn right (west) in Gueydan on Hwy 14 (1st St.). After 2 blocks, turn right on N. LeJeune Ave. The church is 4 blocks ahead on the right.



Kinder United Methodist Church



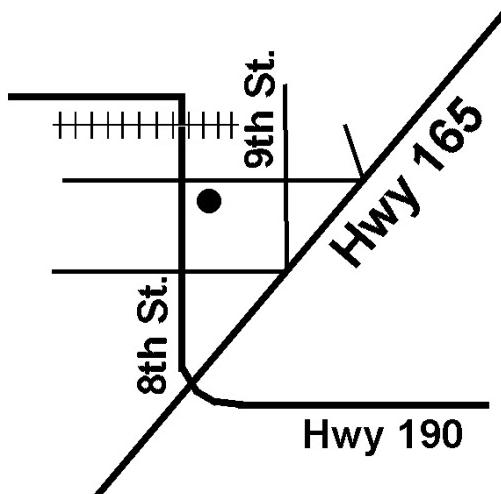
City	Kinder
Address	1002 5 th Ave.
Membership	96
Founded	1914

A small school was built about 1890, near the home of Charles Clark Hill. Soon after, Sunday School classes began in Mr. Hill's home. Fred Giggar brought in Rev. Norton and a church was organized. The first services in the 1900s were held in homes and in the hotel lobby. The earliest recorded pastoral appointment was Rev. William Bennett in 1906.

A church was built in 1914 on Fifth Avenue. When it was destroyed by a fire on November 15, 1969, plans began for the construction of a new church in the same location. Services were held in the education building next door (recently dedicated on April 16, 1967) during construction. Groundbreaking services were held on October 25, 1970, and the first service in the completed church was led by Bishop Crutchfield less than a year later on May 9, 1971.

How to Get There:

Take exit 44 from I-10 and head north on Hwy 165 to Kinder. Turn left on 5th Ave. The church is 2 blocks ahead on the left.



Lake Arthur United Methodist Church



City	Lake Arthur
Address	323 New Orleans
Membership	113
Founded	1890

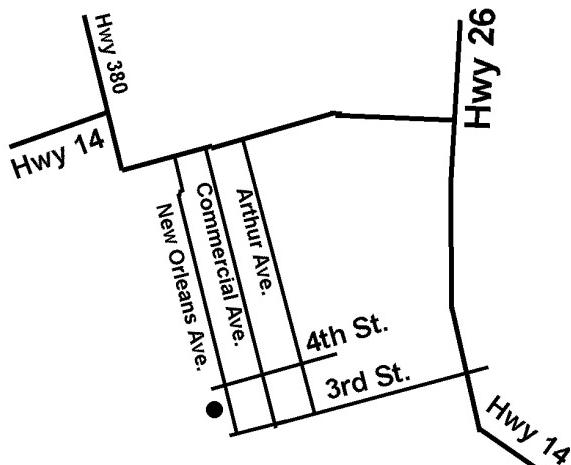
The church was founded on April 13, 1890 by Dr. James L. Gibson. The current church was built in the spring of 1891 and was enlarged in 1910. The parsonage was built in 1940.

The church was again enlarged and the sanctuary remodeled in 1947. Classrooms, a pastor's study, a nursery, and a choir room were added.

An annex was added in 1954 for educational classrooms. New choir robes and pew cushions were also purchased at this time. Later renovations include the addition of vinyl siding and brick to the exterior, new glass for the windows, and remodeling of the parsonage. The bell was moved from the steeple to the side of the sanctuary.

How to Get There:

Take exit 64 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 26 to Lake Arthur. The road turns right and then right again. Take 4th St. to the west and go to New Orleans Ave. Turn left and the church will be on the right.



First United Methodist Church – Lake Charles



City	Lake Charles
Address	812 Kirkman St.
Membership	1208
Founded	1871

The church was organized on November 10, 1871 and was charted in May 1873 with thirteen members. The first church (the first Protestant church in the area) was a 30 by 50 foot building on the southeast corner of Broad and Bilbo Streets. The first service in the church was held in October 1875. The church was expanded in 1888. The name was changed to First Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1894.

A new church was built on the site, with the first service held on July 19, 1900. A 1918 storm damages the church and destroyed the belfry. The bell that hung in the belfry was later given to Milsaps College.

Land was purchased on the corner of Broad and Kirkman Streets in 1925. The cornerstone was laid for a new church on March 9, 1928. Five months later, on August 11, the first service was held. There were 1000 members at that time.

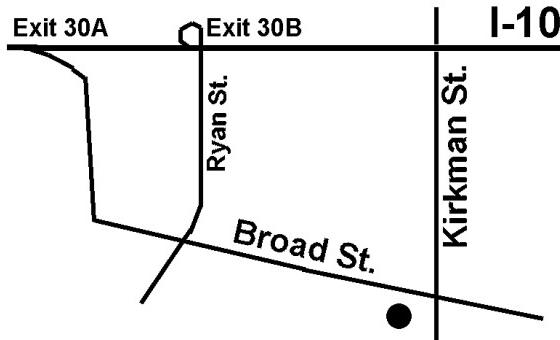
It helped to organize the University Methodist Church in 1947 and the Oak Park Methodist Church in 1952.

An education wing was added to the west side of the church in 1953. Another education building (Mayo Building) was added in the 1960s on the west side of the main building. The Family Activities Center was built south of the main building in 1976. It contains a gym, classrooms, a kitchen, and the Lake Charles District office.

The church operated a school serving pre-school through 5th grade in 1968. In 1997, the elementary portion closed so that the school could concentrate on pre-school age children.

How to Get There:

Take exit 30 from I-10 and head south to Broad St. (Bus Hwy 90). Turn east and the church will be on the right, on the corner at Kirkman St.



First United Methodist Church - Leesville



City	Leesville
Address	202 N. Fifth St.
Membership	366
Founded	1900

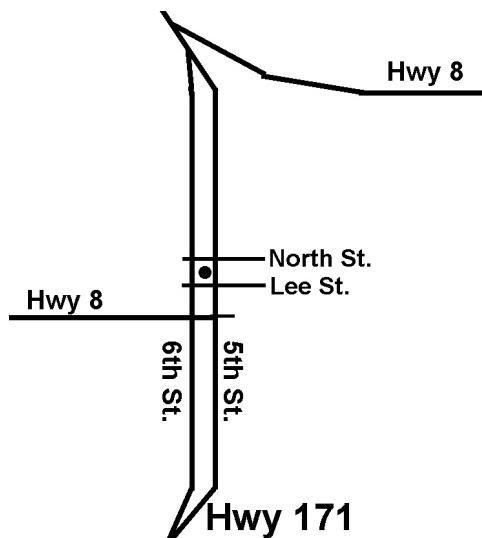
The first Methodist services in the area were probably given by Rev. S.S. Holladay. He came to the parish in the 1880s and preached in the area. Meetings were held on the first floor of the old Lottery Building; Masons met on the second floor.

When Methodist families moved to town to work for the Nona Mills Lumber Company, they asked for a church to be organized. Rev. J.M. Alford was appointed to the church in December 1899. He held services at the W.O.W. Hall for the first year. The first church was completed in December 1900. A storm destroyed that church on January 5, 1918. The Women's Home Missionary Society donated two lots next to the church, and a brick church was constructed at a cost of \$25,000. The church bell survived the storm and was installed in the new church.

In the early 1950s, an education building was constructed. Completed in 1953, it was dedicated in 1959 in a service led by Bishop Paul E. Martin.

How to Get There:

Take exit 103 from I-49 and head west to Leesville on Hwy 8. Turn left (south) on Hwy 171. Or head north on Hwy 171 from Lake Charles into DeRidder. The church is on the west side of N. Fifth St. between North and Lee Streets.



Macedonia United Methodist Church



City	west of Florien
Address	
Membership	34
Founded	1841

The exact date for the organization for the church is unknown. The early records were destroyed when Brother H.C. Richard's house burned down, and the cornerstone was borrowed and never returned. Surviving records seem to indicate that the church dates back to 1841.

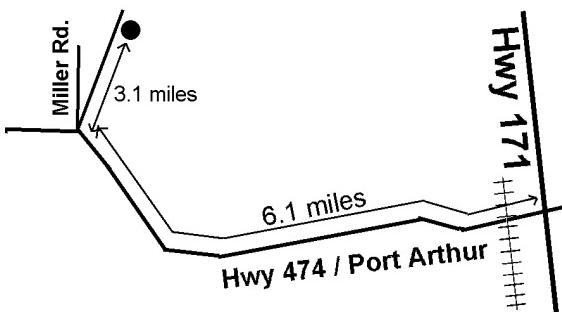
Macedonia began as a union church. The Macedonia congregation and Saint Mary Baptist Church (of Clare, LA) later separated. According to Bro. Grace, the separation occurred when they had to purchase property and become part of the Methodist Conference. The name at that time was the Macedonia Methodist Episcopal Church.

On September 3, 1912, the trustees (H.C. Richard, L.J. Miller, W.M. Johnson) bought an acre of land from Monroe Ervin for \$70. The location was in the area known as Toledo Bend Dam.

Under the leadership of Rev. Richard Harry, that land was sold and a new church was built after three acres of land were bought for one dollar from the Sabine River Authority. The church and cemetery are located in an area known as the Yellowpine Subdivision.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 171 to Florien. Turn left (west) on Port Arthur (Hwy 474) at the flashing light. Stay to the right and go about 6 miles. Take a right onto a dirt road (just before Miller Rd.). The church will be on the right about 3 miles down the road.



Mallalieu United Methodist Church



City	Jennings
Address	Peterson St.
Membership	20
Founded	1927

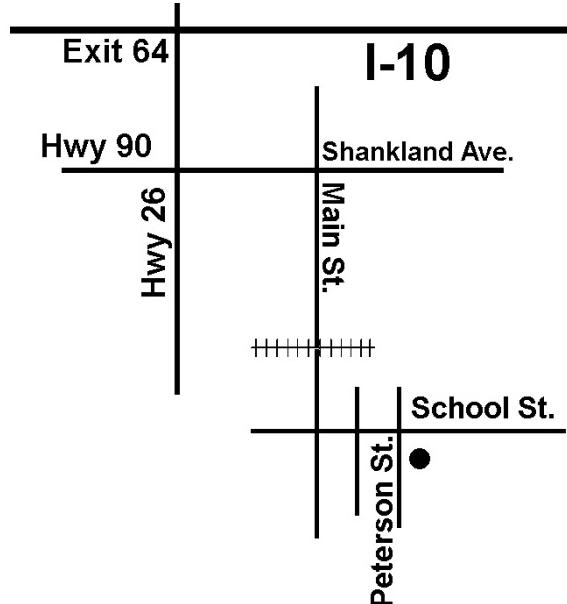


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The church was organized as Mallalieu Methodist Episcopal Church, South on February 14, 1927. It was named after Louisiana bishop W.F. Mallalieu. A building was completed by January 1929 under the leadership of Rev. P.N. Jones. It was used as a school during the week, and for church services on Sunday. In the summertime, youth in the south Jennings area used the building for recreation.

How to Get There:

Take exit 64 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 26 (Elton Rd.). Turn left at the 3rd light onto Hwy 90 (Shankland Ave.). Then turn right on Main St. After 1.5 miles (and crossing the tracks), turn left on School St. Turn right after 2 blocks onto Peterson St. and the church will be on the left.



Maplewood United Methodist Church



City	Sulphur
Address	11 Center Circle
Membership	194
Founded	1944

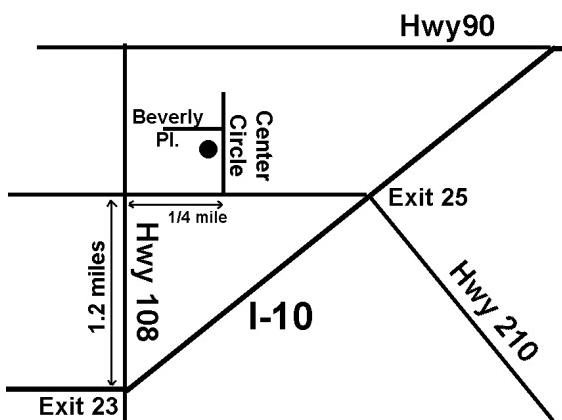
The Maplewood community began as a rental community during World War II. It was home to numerous families that worked in various factories working on the war effort. The community was later absorbed into the city of Sulphur.

A group of residents got together and chartered the Maplewood Methodist Church on May 28, 1944. For the first three years, the congregation met in various public buildings in the area. They obtained their first facilities in 1947. The first service was held on Easter Sunday of that year. The building, which had been the cafeteria for a construction company, was adapted to include a sanctuary, classrooms, an office, a kitchen, and an assembly room.

A temporary education building was put up in the early 1950s. It was replaced with a more permanent building completed in 1961. A fellowship hall was completed in 1974. The fellowship hall was used for worship services when the sanctuary was torn down in 1983. The new sanctuary was completed in 1984. In 1958, a three bedroom parsonage was completed three blocks from the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 23 from I-10 and head north on S. Cities Service Hwy. Turn right at the 2nd light onto Maplewood Dr. Go a quarter mile and then turn left on Center Circle. The church is on the left.



Merryville United Methodist Church



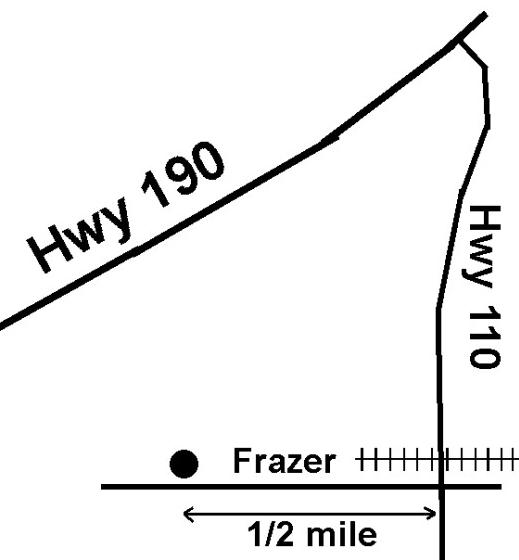
City	Merryville
Address	Frazer
Membership	61
Founded	1907

The Merryville church dates back to 1907. The current sanctuary, built in 1927, is the third church building for the Merryville church. The first two churches each burned down.

In the mid 1990s, the church was renovated. Improvements included painting, new carpeting, more choir space, new sheetrock, foundation work, adding storm windows, ceiling insulation, and widening the altar rail.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 190 west from DeRidder to Merryville. Turn left onto Hwy 110. Turn right on Frazer south of the tracks. The church is about half a mile ahead on the right.



Moss Bluff United Methodist Church



City	Moss Bluff
Address	735 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy
Membership	461
Founded	1957

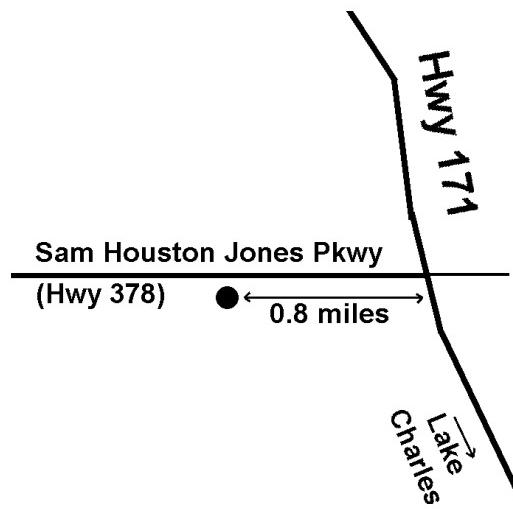
The church was organized on May 19, 1957. Rev. Rex Squyres led twenty-one members at the first service held at Claudius Mayo's home. Land was donated to the congregation by C.A. Mayo and Sam Jones, and the church was soon constructed.

The parsonage was built under the leadership of Rev. Henry Bowdon, Jr. Most of the labor was contributed by church members. Additional property was donated to the church by Dorothy W. Carter. In 1974-75, Rev. Robert Rowland led the church in the construction of classrooms, an office, a fellowship hall, and a kitchen. A new sanctuary and four rooms were built in the mid 1980s, with the dedication service on April 20, 1986 led by Bishop Walter Underwood and pastor Glynn Foreman.

On June 26, 1994, the Community Center was consecrated. Besides being used for church activities, it is also a community outreach center. Stained glass windows were added to the sanctuary in January of 1993. The parking lot was paved and a new church sign put up in the fall of 1995.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 171 north out of Lake Charles to Moss Bluff. Turn left on Sam Houston Jones Parkway (Hwy 378) and go 0.8 miles to the church (on the left).



Mt. Zion United Methodist Church



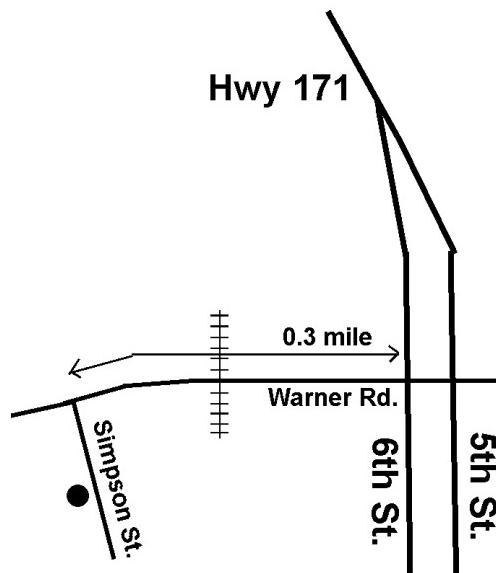
City	Leesville
Address	807 Simpson St.
Membership	32
Founded	1898

Mr. Dan Mullens and others in his community in Leesville had to travel to Hawthorne to attend the Shady Grove Methodist Church at the end of the 19th century. Desiring their own church in Leesville, they asked Rev. Braddock of Shady Grove to help get a church started. In January 1898, Rev. Braddock received permission to start a church in Leesville. A small wooden building was constructed on property owned by Mrs. Nettie Kirk. That site later became the location of a Buick dealership. Services began in the new church in May of 1898. The structure also served as a school.

The church was renovated in 1915 under the leadership of Rev. S.H. Hayes. It was again remodeled in 1858 while Rev. E.L. Berry served as pastor.

How to Get There:

Take exit 103 from I-49 and head west to Leesville on Hwy 8. Turn left (south) on Hwy 171. Or head north to DeRidder from Lake Charles on Hwy 171. Turn west from Hwy 171 onto Warner Rd. After crossing the tracks, the road joins Nona Rd. Turn left on Simpson St. The church is on the right.



Oak Park United Methodist Church



City	Lake Charles
Address	1800 Orchid St.
Membership	136
Founded	1952

The church was first planned by District Superintendent Hubert Gibbs in 1951. He made arrangements to purchase six lots on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 17th Street for \$6,000. The first pastor, Rev. Theodore Weber, was assigned in June 1951. The first services were held at the City Recreation Building and at the Wesley Foundation at McNeese. Music was provided by a small organ that Rev. Weber transported in the back seat of his car.

Work began on August 12, 1951 with the groundbreaking ceremonies. By Christmas eve, a service was held in the shell of the new church. The church was organized on March 1, 1952 with 76 charter members. A Sunday School was organized the following month. First Methodist and some of the congregation donated chairs for seating, though some children sat on empty ammunition boxes from the Chennault Air Force Base.

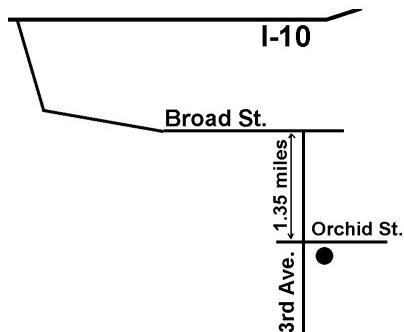
The first parsonage, a small two bedroom house on 13th Street, was purchased in September 1953. By 1955, the church was growing outside of its facilities. Classes were meeting in neighborhood garages. The first church organ was purchased that year. A new parsonage at 2305 17th Street was purchased in September 1956.

Hurricane Audrey in June 1957 caused damage throughout the area, including blowing off most of the church roof. An educational wing was added the following year in 1958. When the Chennault Air Force Base closed at the beginning of the 1960s, the church lost quite a few members.

The year 1962 saw the addition of new equipment (new organ, piano, P.A. system) and a lighted cross. A parking lot was set up on the east side of the facilities in 1972. On October 20, 1974, a service was held to burn the church mortgage. Additional work was done and the sanctuary was completed (and all pews refinished) in 1977. A steeple was added later in the year, along with a stained glass window behind the choir loft. The next major remodeling occurred in the mid 1980s, when the kitchen, bathrooms, and classrooms were remodeled. The pastor's study and secretary's office were moved at that time. The memorial prayer garden was completed in the church courtyard in April 1990.

How to Get There:

Take exit 30 from I-10 and head south to Broad St. (Bus Hwy 90). Turn east and go to 3rd Ave. Turn right (south) and go 1 1/3 miles to Orchid St. and turn left. The church will be on the right.



Oakdale United Methodist Church



City	Oakdale
Address	310 E. 6 th Avenue
Membership	227
Founded	1905



c.1914-1960

The church began with twelve charter members in 1905. The first services were held in the Masonic Hall on 8th Street. The circuit rider would hold services every 1st and 3rd Sundays. Music would be provided by a pump organ in the back of his wagon.

By 1908 the membership had risen to 60 people. Needing a bigger place to gather, services moved to the Oak City Hotel on 10th St. A house located a block behind the hotel was rented for use as a parsonage. Sunday school classes were held there at first. When the Presbyterians built a church in 1909, they shared it with the Methodists. The Methodist congregation met there on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

In 1914, the congregation bought a lot on the corner of 9th and Hudson Streets. Money was raised to build a new church and parsonage.

In the mid 1920s, land was purchased on the corner of 6th Avenue and 11th Street. A new parsonage was built at this time next to the church.

In 1958, a lot on Pelican Highway was donated to the church. The parsonage was moved there. The church was moved over so that a new sanctuary could be built on the old site. After touring churches around the state, the congregation decided to build one similar to the DeQuincy Methodist Church. Construction began on April 9, 1958. The church was dedicated on October 19, 1960.

The old structure that had been moved to the side was torn down in 1967 so that a new education building could be built. It was dedicated on January 22, 1970.

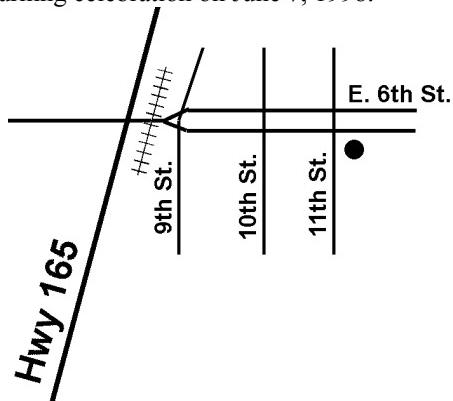
The parsonage was sold in 1972 and a new one was built on East 10th Avenue.

The courtyard of the fellowship hall was developed into a memorial garden with a gift from the Erwin family.

The church paid off its debts and had a mortgage burning celebration on June 7, 1998.

How to Get There:

Head to Oakdale on Hwy 165 (from the north or south) or Hwy 10 (from the east or west). In Oakdale, The church is on the south side of 6th Ave. (Hwy 10), 0.4 miles east of Hwy 165.



Oberlin United Methodist Church



City	Oberlin
Address	6 th Ave.
Membership	20
Founded	1888

When Charles Haines' family moved to the area from Iowa in 1888, they and other families wanted to start a Methodist church and Sunday School. Services began in the area when Rev. C.A. King, pastor of the Simpson Methodist Church in Lake Charles, came by to hold services once a month for the eight charter members.

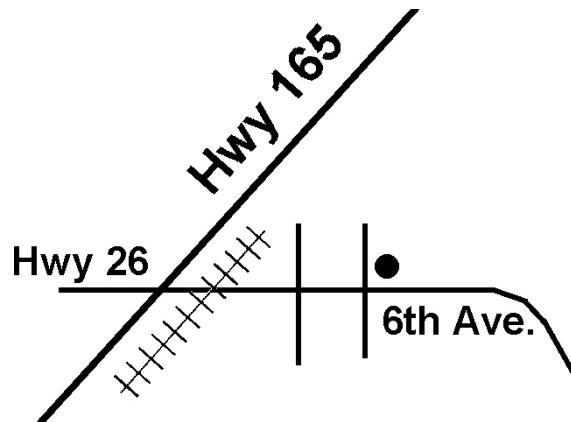
After a revival by Rev. Bennett in the early 1900s, more people joined the group. After the revival, Rev. Paul Leeds ... a missionary to the Coushatta Indians ... often came by to hold services. In those days the gatherings were a combination of Methodists and Baptists, so it was a union congregation. At some point in the early 1900s, the congregations had grown and the Baptists separated to form their own congregation.

Under the leadership of Rev. George Purcell, a new church building was constructed in 1927-28. A parsonage was not acquired until 1949. In 1958, a fellowship hall was added under the leadership of Rev. J.C. Skinner. In 1971, the church facilities were remodeled.

Source: Oberlin Methodist Church, Maude Cranford Musselwhite

How to Get There:

Take exit 44 from I-10 and head north on Hwy 165 to Oberlin. Turn right on Sixth Ave. The church is 2 blocks ahead to the left.



Pine Grove United Methodist Church



City	Sugartown
Address	
Membership	10
Founded	1887

The church was organized on April 10, 1887 with about eight members. The first church building was made of split logs and had a fireplace. It was located about 100 yards below the present church.

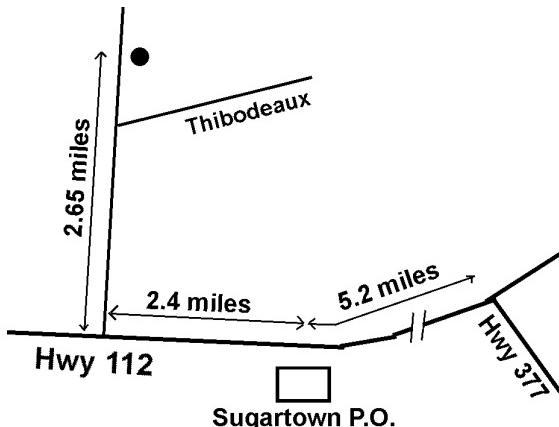
A prayer meeting was held once a month, and Sunday school was held twice a month. When the congregation couldn't afford to pay the pastor, services weren't held. The pastor, James A. Taylor, would walk nine miles to the church to preach. When he moved, the church services stopped and the building was used as a schoolhouse. Services later resumed at the Lucky School House.

Rev. T.J. Liglits, a Baptist minister, moved to Pine Grove and began a Union Sunday School. It was changed to Methodist in 1937, with Rev. J.C. Bennett serving as pastor.

The current Pine Grove church was built in 1921. By 1939, the church had 32 members.

How to Get There:

Head to Oakdale on Hwy 165 or Hwy 10. Continue west on Hwy 10 to Elizabeth. A mile past the flashing light in Elizabeth, turn left (south) on Hwy 112. Pass the Sugartown post office and go 2.4 miles. Turn right and the church will be almost 2.5 miles ahead on your right.



Pine Prairie United Methodist Church



City	Pine Prairie
Address	Jefferson St.
Membership	7
Founded	1909

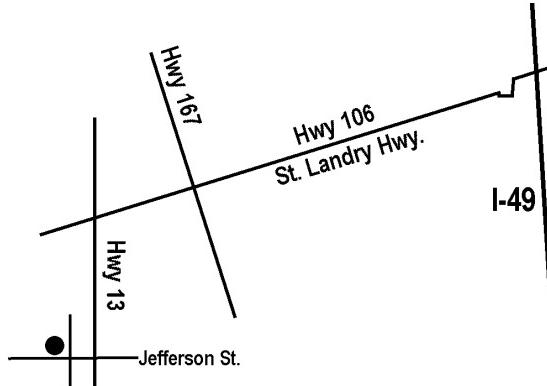
Before the Methodist church was founded, local Methodists would meet with other denominations. The first Methodist services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glaze. Rev. Hoffpauir would travel to town twice a month to hold meetings. In 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Eloi Campbell gave the church a couple of lots on which to build a church.

When Rev. Sensentaffer visited the area in 1945, it was decided to hold services on Friday nights. The Friday night services were first held in an old building belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh. After that, a room was rented at Sam Coles' store for \$12.50 a month for two months. Then it was held in the home of the Glaze family and then the Barnes family. Rev. Sensentaffer raised \$1700 for a new building.

In the mid 1940s, John Clark offered to build a church, giving the church a 10% discount. Max Heinberg of Alexandria drew up the plans at no cost. The congregation moved into the new structure in the spring of 1947. To pay off the \$3162 balance on the construction, the church rented a booth at the tri-parish fair to help raise money. With those funds and other contributions, the debt was paid off on May 4, 1955.

How to Get There:

Take exit 46 from I-10 and head west on Hwy 106 (St. Landry Hwy) to Hwy 13. Turn left (south) on Hwy 13 (Veterans Memorial Hwy). Turn right at Jefferson St. in Pine Prairie. The church is one block ahead on the right.



Prospect United Methodist Church



City	Florien
Address	1401 Prospect Road
Membership	68
Founded	1874



1930-1974

Beginning in the mid 1800s, Mrs. Marcellus Branch started a church on her plantation southwest of Florien. In 1861, the membership consisted of eight people. In the mid 1860s, the location was changed to a piece of land donated by Mrs. Branch (at Victoria, near Columbus on the Sabine River). By the end of the decade, services had stopped because of the lack of members. The Victoria property (except for the cemetery) was sold in 1974.

Some services were held in the early 1870s at a log cabin a few hundred yards away from the present church. The congregation reorganized about 1871-72. A new church was built by W.F. Sandel in 1874 for \$75. It was used as a church on Sundays and as a school during the week. In 1904, William Sandel donated four acres of land to the church. The current church is located on that property.

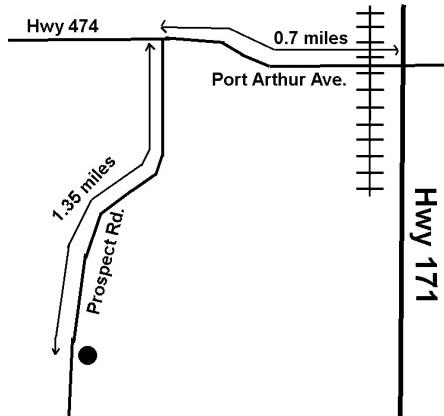
Led by the Missionary Society, the idea for a new church began in 1920. The church members tried building it themselves, but their attempt came crashing down after the framework was put up. The new church, which included several classrooms, was finally completed in 1930 under the leadership of Rev. L.E. Crooks. It was dedicated on November 23, 1938 under the leadership of Rev. B.H. Andrews.

In the early 1960s, the congregation decided to build a parsonage.

In 1973, the congregation began plans for a new church. A brick church was completed by the following year under the leadership of Rev. Charles E. Scott. The first service in the new church was a dedication service on January 20, 1974. The new facilities also included a fellowship hall, kitchen, bathrooms, and a pastor's study. Additional classrooms were added in 1988.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 171 to Florien. Turn left (west) on Port Arthur at the light. After 0.7 miles, turn left onto Prospect Rd. Follow the curvy, narrow road for 1.35 miles. The church is on the left.



Raymond United Methodist Church



City	Raymond
Address	Hwy 395
Membership	75
Founded	1889

A Sunday School was organized in 1880 in the Fairview Community with the help of Rev. W.H. Cline. It was held in the home of Gilbert N. Brown. Later, in 1888, a school was built and the Sunday School held classes there. The following year, the church ... the Fairview Methodist Episcopal Church ... was organized. On January 31, 1894, Willard Taylor sold the church five acres of land for \$1. Construction of the church began in July of that year, with members of the church contributing their labor.

When the community applied for a post office, the name Fairview was already taken. So the town's name was changed to Raymond, and the church's name was changed as well. The post office was to be put in the home of Monroe Brown, who had a son by the name of Raymond.

Rev. R.R. Ellis and his family were the first occupants of the parsonage, which was constructed in 1916.

Times were bad from 1930 to 1933, when worship and Sunday School were ceased. When an attempt was made to sell the church, the congregation reorganized and formed a Sunday School. Rev. John Deschner (the pastor at Welsh) came to Raymond every other Sunday to conduct worship.

An education building was constructed in 1942. The dedication service was held on August 9, 1942. The new structure contained a kitchen, a recreation area, and four classrooms.

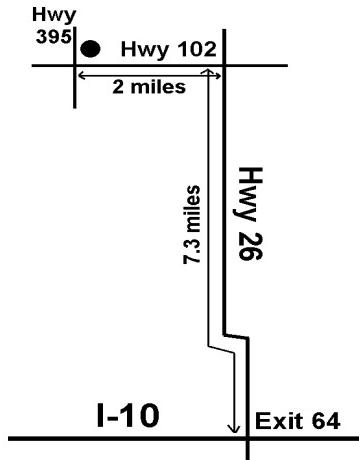
The church was remodeled in 1945-46 and dedicated on March 3, 1946. Changes included new colored windows, new carpet runners, a remodeled altar, a new choir loft, and two new classrooms. Classrooms, a pastor's office, and a larger kitchen were added to the education building in 1948.

The church was seriously damaged by hurricane Audrey on June 27, 1957. Though it was twisted off its foundation and damaged, it was soon repaired.

On October 11, 1970, ground-breaking ceremonies were held for a new church building. It was completed in a few months, with the first service (for consecration) held on March 28, 1971. An open house was held on September 12, 1971 after everything was completed, including new pews. The dedication service later took place on June 8, 1975.

How to Get There:

Take exit 64 from I-10 and head north on Hwy 26. After 7.3 miles, turn left on Hwy 102 at the flashing light in Hathaway. After traveling 2 miles on Hwy 102, turn right on Hwy 395. The church will be on the right.



Roanoke United Methodist Church



City	Roanoke
Address	1604 1 st Ave.
Membership	151
Founded	1895



1902-1975

The church was started at the community schoolhouse in 1895 by Rev. E.J. Church. They became known as the Roanoke Class of the United Brethren Church by 1897. After meeting in the Thomas hay barn by the railroad for several years, a church was built. It was dedicated by Rev. W.M. Bell on February 8, 1902. Rev. W.R. Wilgus was the pastor, but it was common for the Methodist and United Brethren ministers to preach on alternate Sundays.

The first parsonage was built under the leadership of Rev. J.H. Patterson (1902-06). It was torn down in 1946 and replaced with the J.C. Barman house. Later, in 1976, a brick parsonage was built.

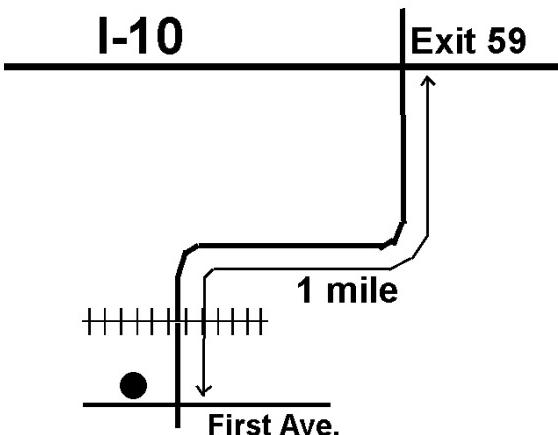
Although a building fund was started in 1955, construction on a new church began on March 26, 1975. The new facility was dedicated in 1976. Work on a new parsonage began right away. It was soon built, with the dedication of the parsonage held on February 22, 1981.

A bell tower was added in 1979.

While there were sixteen United Brethren churches at one time, the Roanoke church is the last remaining church in the Louisiana Conference to come from the United Brethren Church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 59 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 395 for a mile (the road dog-legs to the right). Turn right on First Ave. The church is just ahead to the right.



Squyres United Methodist Church



City	Ragley
Address	13936 Hwy 171
Membership	177
Founded	1977

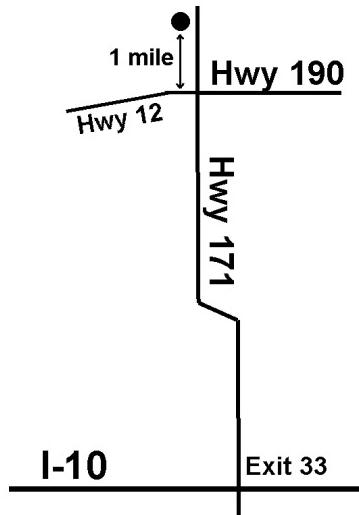
Residents of the Ragley-Longville area started thinking about forming a church in the mid 1970s. Though some questioned if the area could support a new church, the members were confident. With financial help from the Lake Charles District and the use of the old Ragley School building, the first pastor (Rev. Nathan Avant) was appointed to the church. The first service was held on May 1, 1977. The name of the fledgling congregation was the Community Methodist Mission.

On March 26, 1978, the Conference granted a charter for the Squyres United Methodist Church, who had forty charter members. The church was named for Rev. Rex Squyres, a strong supporter of rural churches.

As the church grew, larger facilities were needed. After groundbreaking on February 8, 1981, members of the church pitched in to help build the church. It was in full use by the end of the year. The dedication service was held on May 3, 1987 and led by Bishop Walter Underwood. A cemetery was later added on the west side of the church. The Squyres Church-Risinger Memorial Park opened in October 1987. An expansion project in 1995 saw many improvements, including a new paved parking lot. After land was donated on S.A. Cooley Road, construction began on a brick, 4-bedroom parsonage on November 5, 1995. It was completed in March 1996.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 171 north from Lake Charles to Ragley. The church is on the left, one mile past the overpass over Hwy 12/190.



St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church

City	Lake Charles
Address	1500 Country Club Rd.
Membership	1167
Founded	1890



The church was organized on March 2, 1890. The nineteen persons in attendance were led by Rev. C.A. King. Services were held in the old Masonic Hall for the first eight years.

Property was acquired on the corner of Pujo and Moss Streets in 1898 and a church built. It was known as the First Methodist Episcopal Church. When the branches of Methodism merged in 1939, the name was changed. Another church in town, from the southern branch of Methodism, was called First Church and predated them. So the congregation changed their name to the Simpson Methodist Church, to honor a Methodist bishop. Since they were smaller than the other First Church, they decided to move to a better location. Property was acquired on Highway 14 and the church moved to its new location on November 14, 1954. When the old church property was sold for \$52,000 in 1956, the funds were used to construct another building. A third building was completed in 1959 and dedicated in May of 1962.

In 1956, the National Board of Missions for the Methodist Church bought property on Jefferson St. to start a church for people moving into the university area of town. Rev. Taylor Wall was appointed as pastor of the new church, named St. Luke. At first, the congregation met at the Wesley Foundation at McNeese. The church was organized on January 15, 1957 and held its first services on Jefferson Street on February 3, 1957.

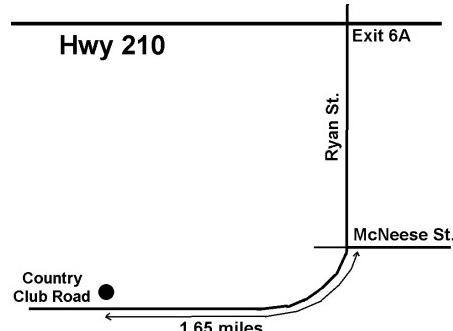
The St. Luke and Simpson congregations merged in 1983. Dr. Charles B. Simmons pastored the merged congregation, which first met together on Jefferson Street on April 24, 1983.

The church purchased 17 acres of land on Country Club Road. Under the leadership of Dr. Tommy Dunbar, construction began on a new church in the summer of 1988.

In 1999, a gym/fellowship hall and a youth wing were built while Rev. James Humphreys served as pastor. In 2003, Rev. Humphreys and Rev. Karl Klaus were leading the church as money that was received from the Herbert Hadley Estate was used to add six rooms to the office complex.

How to Get There:

Head south on Ryan St. off of Hwy 210 (exit 6A). After the McNeese St. intersection, go 1.65 miles (the road curves to the right) and the church will be on the right.



Sweetlake United Methodist Church



City	Bell City
Address	Hwy 397
Membership	121
Founded	1908

Methodism began in the area when Rev. Joe Berwick preached in the area in 1891. Four local boys were converted and later became ministers. They were: brothers Willie and Martin Hebert, Dallas Hayes, and Daniel Hayes.

The church was organized on December 20, 1908. The first pastor, Willie Hebert, served the church from 1908 to 1929 (except for a single year when the D.S. was in charge). The first services were held in a one-room schoolhouse east of the Catholic Church given to the church by Mrs. H.G. Chalkley, Sr. A six-room parsonage was built at that time.

After the 1918 hurricane destroyed the schoolhouse building, services were held in private homes. Permission was later obtained to use another one-room schoolhouse to the north.

A dedication service, led by Rev. Martin Hebert, was held on November 11, 1956. New pews and other additions were dedicated at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helms have the church an acre of land in 1959. In 1998, the home of the Walter Helms family was remodeled and dedicated as the parsonage.

Plans for a new church began during the pastorate of Rev. Garland Dean in the mid 1950s. The new church was completed in 1963 under the leadership of Rev. Hubert Gibbs.

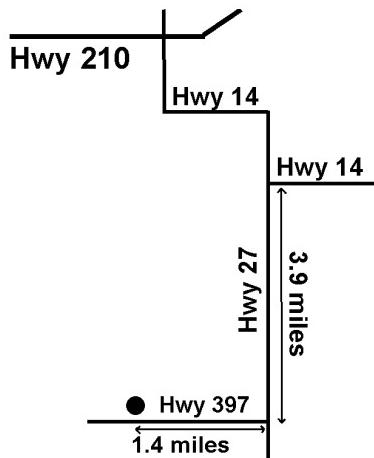
In June 1998, Sweet Lake became a station appointment with a full-time pastor. In the fall of 1999, the church began work on a Family Life Center and parking improvements.

The church opened a local mission ministry (Faith Share Outreach) at a separate location in mid 2002. The ministry provides food, clothes, furniture, and medical equipment to families in need. It works together with Domestic Violence, Community Action, and the Council on Aging programs in the parish.

With increasing growth in the local community, the church continues to seek ways in which to witness and serve.

How to Get There:

Head south from Lake Charles on Hwy 14. When Hwy 14 turns left in Holmwood, go straight on Hwy 27 for another 3.9 miles. Then turn right onto Hwy 397. The church is on the right, 1.4 miles ahead down the shell road.



University United Methodist Church



City	Lake Charles
Address	3501 Patrick
Membership	958
Founded	1947



Clipper Class - Brush Arbor

Led by Rev. Henry Bowdon, Sr. of First Church, funds were given in 1947 to buy a lot on the corner of Patrick and LaGrange Streets for the purpose of building a new church in south Lake Charles. A survey of the neighborhood showed good support for the new church. The small white wooden church was built over the next few months, with the first service being held on September 28. The young adult class (Clipper Club) met at a home next door, and built a brush arbor to meet outdoors in nice weather.

During a bad hail storm in 1953, the ceiling was destroyed. The following year, the decision was made to build a new church to accommodate the growing congregation. There were 1100 members in the church by the time the new church was completed. The old church continued in use as a classroom.

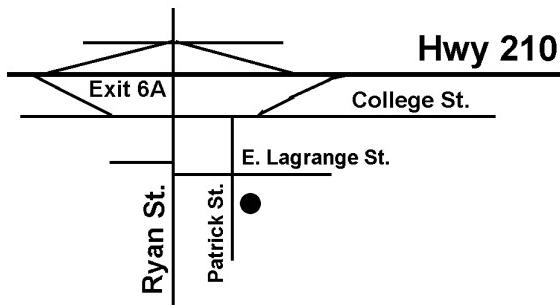
In 1960, a pre-school was begun. In 1973, installation of a new 1,080 pipe organ began. The installation was completed three years later. The following year, work began on a new children's wing and multi-purpose room. The mortgage on that construction was paid off in 1994. The old church was also remodeled in 1974 into office space.

On May 20, 1984, the stained glass windows were dedicated. Additional renovations, including new pews and carpeting, in the sanctuary were completed on March 1996.

Source: Reaping the Golden Harvest, Nola Mae Ross and Robert Coulson Benoit

How to Get There:

Head south on Ryan St. off of Hwy 210 (exit 6A). One block below College St., turn left (east) on E. LaGrange St. Turn right on Patrick St. The church is on the left.



Wakefield United Methodist Church



City	Cameron
Address	
Membership	103
Founded	1933

Methodist preachers first held services in Leesburg (as it was known then) as early as 1848 in private homes. Services were later held in the schoolhouse and the courthouse.

The first appointed minister on record is Rev. John B. Shearer in 1931. The church purchased property from Alexis Daigle and built their first church in 1933. The church property increased in 1944, when J. Austin Davis deeded two lots to the church. Construction on a parsonage was begun in November 1947.

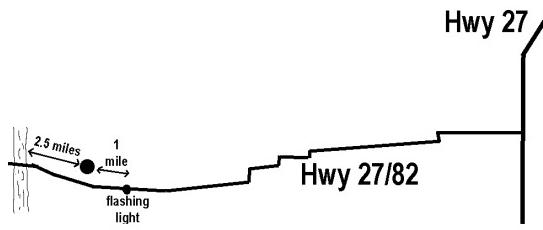
New facilities, including a sanctuary, fellowship hall, and classrooms, were completed in 1948. The church was named the Wakefield Methodist Church in memory of George Wakefield.

A decade later, an annex was constructed (1957) that added classrooms and a kitchen. But just a few months later, on June 27, hurricane Audrey destroyed the church. While constructing the new church, the congregation met at the Wesley Foundation at McNeese and at the Cameron Parish courthouse.

By November 1957 the parsonage had been built; some of the materials from the old church were used in its construction. Property was purchased from J.A. Davis and Ashburn Rous for a new church. In February 1958, the education building was completed. The sanctuary was completed later that year, in October. A dedication service was held May 5, 1963 with Bishop A.G. Walton leading the service. In 1995, repairs and painting were applied to the church.

How to Get There:

Head south to Cameron from Lake Charles on Hwy 14 ... which turns into Hwy 27. Turn right on Hwy 27/82 at Creole and go 13 miles to the church in Cameron. The church is on the north side of the road, a mile past the flashing light ... or about 2.5 miles east of the ferry.



Warren United Methodist Church



City	Lake Charles
Address	1231 Lawrence St.
Membership	235
Founded	1888

When Mary Ellen Holmes Benoit moved to Lake Charles from Pineville, there was no black Methodist Episcopal church in town. Though she worshipped at Baptist church and at the Reeves Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for a while, she began holding meetings in her home on October 12, 1888 with eight charter members. As membership grew, a lot was purchased for \$5 on the 300 block of Franklin Street. A brush arbor was constructed and services were held underneath.

After determining a corner lot would be more desirable, they exchanged the lot and \$30 for a lot on the corner of Lawrence and Franklin Streets. The pastor (Rev. Edward Powell) and Mrs. Benoit worked for the Long Bell Lumber Company. The company donated the lumber and the pastor built the first small church on that corner lot. The church was later enlarged under the leadership of Rev. B.J. Reddix.

Rev. T.A. Brown began planning for a new church after a hurricane destroyed the church in August 1918. The new church was built under the leadership of Rev. C.C. Spears in 1920. The National Board of Missions and Church Extensions matched the congregation's contributions to pay of the \$40,000 cost. The church was built with features based on a modernized version of the old Pharaonic temples of Egypt, with a 13th century-type high vaulted ceiling. The main building is topped by a 40 foot high dome and a 60 foot tower at the Lawrence Street entrance.

New pews were installed under Rev. George C. Hayward's leadership in 1945, at a cost of over \$5,000. An organ was later added, and a \$25,000 parsonage was built. Renovations (which included air conditioning) were made under the leadership of Rev. T.E. McElroy.

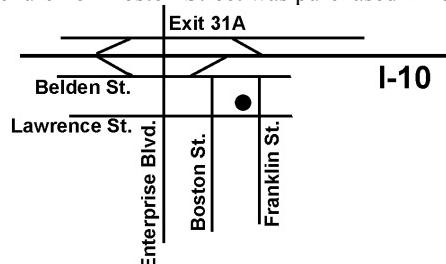
A total renovation project was accomplished under the leadership of Rev. Moses T. Jackson, Sr. This included new flags, unbreakable windows, and glass doors. An expansion plan begun in 1972 with the purchase of 2 lots across the street from the church (one of which had 6 apartments on it).

Under the leadership of Rev. Richard H. Harry in the late 1970s, numerous improvements were made. These included refinishing the pews, reroofing the buildings, new furnishings, and new A/C and heating systems. The apartments across the street were torn down so that the area could be used for parking. The parsonage was completely remodeled in June 1986.

Under Rev. Kenneth Fisher's leadership, additional remodeling was done on the kitchen and pastor's study and fire escapes were installed. The property next to the church on Boston Street was purchased in 1987.

How to Get There:

Take exit 31 from I-10 and head south on Enterprise Blvd. One block below I-10 and Belden St. you will turn left on Lawrence St. The church is on your left after Boston St.



First United Methodist Church - Welsh



City	Welsh
Address	306 N. Adams
Membership	256
Founded	1889

In the spring of 1889, Rev. W.H. Cline organized the first class of five members and two probationers. The first services were held at the schoolhouse, with Rev. James Ellis (a local deacon) serving as pastor. A church building was constructed in 1891 and dedicated on January 1, 1892. It cost \$600. A Mr. Fletcher gave \$100 of that amount so that the church would be named after him. So the first name of the church was the Fletcher Methodist Episcopal Church. It was later sold to the Roman Catholic Church and stands today.

The first parsonage was built in 1901 while Rev. G.W. Campbell was pastor. When it was partially burned while Rev. Thomas E. Webb served as pastor, it was sold and a new parsonage was built (on the site of the current education building).

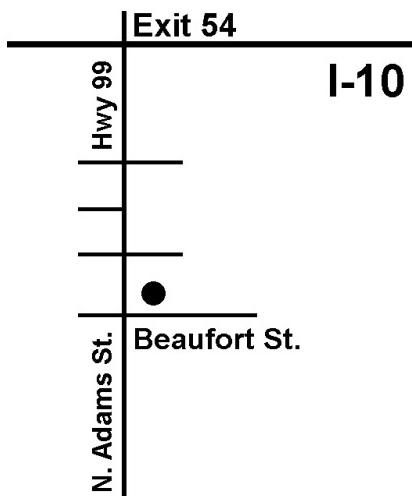
The second church was built in 1909 under the leadership of Rev. J.C. Carruth. The church, which cost \$7000, was dedicated in May 1909. Another building, with classrooms, office space, a dining room, and a community hall, was built under the leadership of Rev. R.L. Weldon in 1924.

Plans for a new sanctuary began in 1950 under Rev. A.T. Law's pastorate. It was completed and was dedicated on May 9, 1954. The pipe organ was later installed while Rev. Don Risinger served as pastor.

The current education building was constructed in 1968. The parsonage was remodeled in 1995. The old annex building built in 1924 was sold and moved downtown in May 1998. A new activities building was constructed on the site of the old building and was completed in 1999.

How to Get There:

Take exit 54 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 99 for 1/3 mile. The church is on the left.



Welsh Memorial United Methodist Church



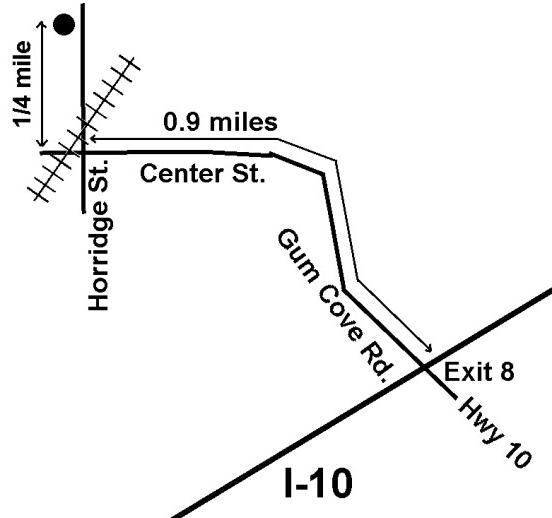
City	Vinton
Address	1110 Horridge St.
Membership	281
Founded	1888

The church began between 1888 and 1890 under the leadership of Rev. F.N. Sweeney. Land was purchased in 1902 and the church was completed by 1903. There were 35 to 40 members at that time. In 1965, the church was enlarged and renovated. In the early 1980s, the parsonage was sold and the old church was torn down. A new church was built, with the first service in the new building on September 5, 1982. It was named the Welsh Memorial United Methodist Church in memory of the Welsh family. They donated funds for the new church and parsonage.

The church is devoted to ministries just as emphasizing youth activities led by a youth director. They also concentrate on missions, with their Mission in Motion meeting on Fridays and the Second Harvest Food Distribution on the first Thursday of every month. A new Christian Education Center was completed in the spring of 2004.

How to Get There:

Take exit 8 from I-10 and head north on Gum Cove Rd. The road turns left and becomes Center St. Turn right on Horridge St.. The church is a quarter mile ahead on the left.



Wesley United Methodist Church



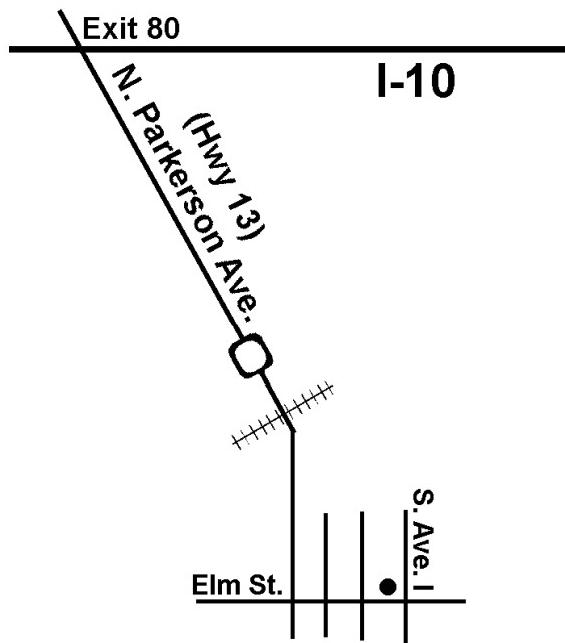
City	Crowley
Address	325 E. Elm
Membership	84
Founded	1949

In August 1949, local Methodists began research into a new church in south Crowley. Led by Rev. W.C. Barham (at Centenary in Rayne) and Rev. Alfred Brown (at First Church in Crowley), a survey was made in the area in September.

The first service for the fledgling group was on October 16, 1949. It was held in a building (owned by Crowley's Presbyterian church) on the corner of Elm Street and Avenue I. U.G. Barham gave the sermon and Rev. Ted Howes (pastor at Gueydan) led the singing. After several nights of services, the new congregation had fifty-four charter members. The group chose the name "Wesley" for their new church and Rev. Barham was appointed to serve as their first pastor.

How to Get There:

Take exit 80 from I-10 and head south on Hwy 13. After 2.2 miles, turn left on Elm St. The church is 3 blocks ahead on the left.



Wesley United Methodist Church



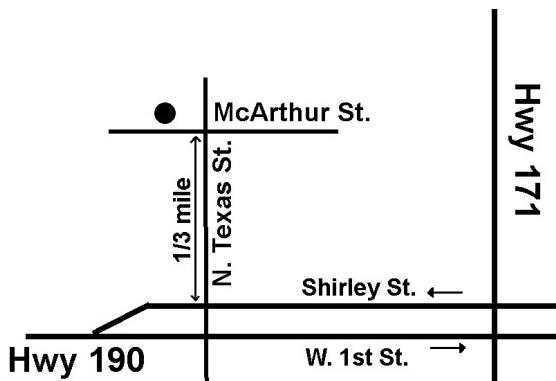
City	DeRidder
Address	701 N. Texas St.
Membership	95
Founded	1957

The roots for Wesley began in the late 1950s, when the First Methodist Church of DeRidder began a mission effort in the North Texas Street area. Many of the people in the area were military families from Fort Polk. An old army barracks was placed on property that was purchased on the corner of Texas and McArthur Streets. The first pastor was a chaplain from Fort Polk. An education building was later constructed facing McArthur Street.

The present sanctuary was constructed in the early 1960s. The current parsonage on North Texas, purchased in 1978, is the third parsonage for the church.

How to Get There:

Head north to DeRidder on Hwy 171/190. The highway makes a left turn (Hwy 112 is to the right). Continue west on Hwy 171/190. A mile and a half past the RR tracks, turn right on N. Texas St. The church is 1/3 mile ahead on the left, just past McArthur St.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Sulphur
Address	Live Oak St.
Membership	270
Founded	1963

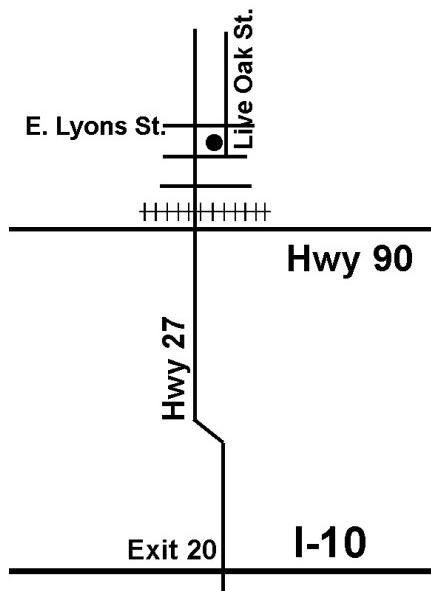
Several of the members of Henning Memorial started the movement to create a new church in Sulphur. The first service was held on January 20, 1963 at the Fox Theater. Rev. Louis Hoffpauir was the first pastor. The following month, on February 10, the congregation bought the Church of Christ building at 423 Live Oak St. for \$5,000. There were 104 charter members by April 14, 1963.

Plans soon began to build a church of their own. They raised \$9,000 to get things started, and the new church was completed in 1964 under the leadership of Rev. A.M. Martin. The first service was held on November 22, 1964. In 1967, a parsonage on East Carlton was built at a cost of \$20,000.

Under the leadership of Rev. Charles Humphrey, the church bought property in 1974 on N. Huntington Street for \$15,000. That debt was paid off in six months. During the ministry of Rev. Melvin Ray Holt, Sr. (1987-93), all of the church's debts were paid.

How to Get There:

Take exit 20 from I-10 and head north on Hwy 27. Go straight past Hwy 90 and turn right on E. Lyons St. Turn left after one block onto Live Oak St. The church is on the left.



Westlake United Methodist Church



City	Westlake
Address	704 Johnson
Membership	246
Founded	1894



1939-1959

A Methodist society met at Westlake (then known as Bagdad) from 1873 to 1918. Quarterly records from June 21, 1873 list a Sunday School attendance of 10 to 12 people at Bagdad. Services were held in the schoolhouse. In 1894, a church was built on the corner of Miller Avenue and Pilley Street under the leadership of Rev. F.C. Hocutt. When the 1918 hurricane destroyed the church, the congregation was left without a church.

Two decades later, in October 1939, property was purchased after the sale of the Miller Avenue property. A one-room wood church was built the following year under the leadership of Rev. W.R. Corrigan.

In November 1949, construction began on a new brick sanctuary under the leadership of Rev. Martin Hebert. The little white church was converted to a hold children's classrooms, a nursery, and a fellowship hall.

A six room education building was completed in February 1955. The first parsonage, on Goos Street, was bought that year. In 1958, a brick education annex and a fellowship hall were added to the sanctuary. In January 1959, the original 'chapel in the pines' ... the white wooden church ... was sold to E.E. Rider for \$700.

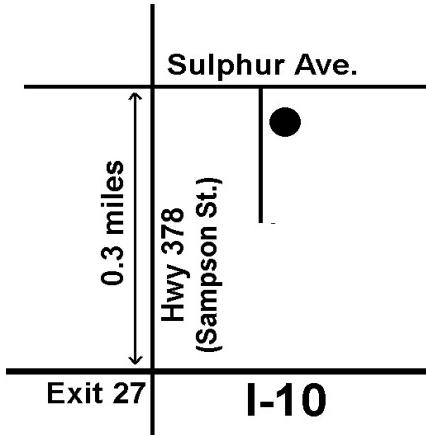
In 1967, the current parsonage was purchased. In 1979-80, members built a retired minister's home in Westlake.

In 1985, the Pomeroy Center and more classrooms were added and the offices were renovated. The following year a renovation of the sanctuary was completed.

Source: A Chapel in the Pines, Rosie Newhouse

How to Get There:

Take exit 27 from I-10 and head north on Hwy 378 (Sampson St.). About 1/3 mile north of I-10, turn right (east) on Sulphur Ave. Turn right on Johnson St.



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Ansley United Methodist Church



City	Ansley
Address	Ansley Rd.
Membership	13
Founded	1902



Ansley Union Church, blt. 1902

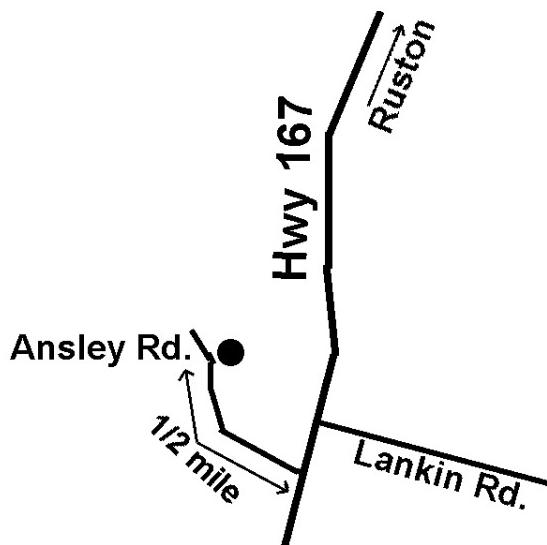
Around 1900, four Davis brothers moved to the area from Arkansas to run a sawmill business. The community was named after Virgil Davis' wife's maiden name, Ansley. A Union church was built in 1902 for Baptist and Methodist services. The Davis brothers provided the labor and the lumber for the church. A Sunday School room was added in 1907. A second classroom was added in the 1930s. When the weather was good, classes were often held outside.

Decades later, the church evaluated the cost of renovating the old church. Since it was too costly to renovate, a new church was built in 1982 to the east side of the old church. The old church was left in place.

Homecoming is held each May.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 167 south from Ruston about 9 miles to Ansley. Turn right on Ansley Rd. The church and cemetery are on the right.



Antioch United Methodist Church



City	Eros
Address	Antioch Church Rd.
Membership	14
Founded	

About 1840, Lee Henry Dickerson, Turner Woods, A.J. Woods and others began meeting together for services. For about three years, the services were held under a brush arbor. It started as a Baptist church, but over the years has been a Methodist, Baptist, and a Union church.

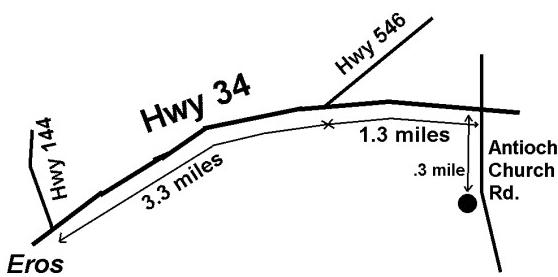
The first church built by the members was only 14 by 16 feet in size. The walls were split logs and the floor was packed clay. The roof was made of rived boards held on with square headed nails. The pews were split logs supported by pegs. A cemetery was situated behind the church. The preacher would ride to town once a month from 30 miles away, his saddlebags packed with Bibles and other religious material.

It was recorded that one teenage member was excommunicated from the church after horse racing on front of the church one Sunday.

As the congregation grew, a larger building was needed. The old church was sold for \$7 to member Huey Sims. Lumber was purchased and a new building was constructed from 1935 to 1938. Using that church as a framework, N.E. Heard led in expanding the existing building in 1942. Attic fans, gas heat, and electricity was installed at that time.

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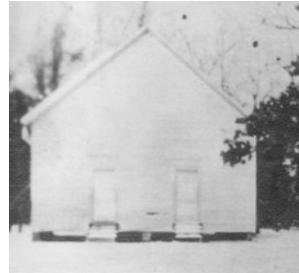
Head to Eros (See Eros UMC directions). Head east on Hwy 34 out of Eros for 3 miles. After passing the Hwy 546 intersection on the left, go 1.3 more miles on Hwy 34. Then turn right (south) on Antioch Church Rd. (on the left is the Cadeville Lodge Rd.). The church is on the right, a few hundred yards down the road. The cemetery is on the left.



Antioch United Methodist Church



City	Simsboro
Address	3406 Hwy. 544
Membership	60
Founded	1885



1906-1951

Services began in Antioch by holding services in a log schoolhouse. By 1872, a Union Church held services for the Methodist, Baptists, and Camelites. After that church burned down in 1882, another was built. In 1891, the congregations divided and the ninety-seven Methodists were led by Rev. J.D. Harper. The cornerstone says the church was organized in 1885.

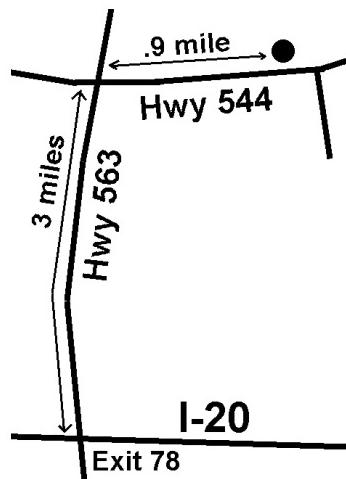
When the church burned down in 1904, a new one was built two years later under the leadership of Rev. G.W. Hivley.

In 1950, work began on a new church. Services were held at the school next door during construction. The new church was dedicated on January 18, 1953.

A wing of classrooms and restrooms was built in the fall of 1984. The addition was dedicated at a Homecoming in October 1986.

How to Get There:

Take exit 78 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 563. Turn right onto Hwy 544. The church is on the left, 0.9 miles ahead.



Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Claiborne
Address	New Natchitoches Rd.
Membership	150
Founded	1947



1948-1976

In late 1946, the Methodist Men of First Church in West Monroe surveyed the area of Brownsville outside of West Monroe to inquire into the possibility of starting a new church in that area. After getting a positive response, a revival was held in 1947. Land was acquired next to Brown Street and the tent set up. At the end of the revival, fourteen people stepped forward to form the new congregation. D.S. Rev. W.H. Giles organized the church with sixty-five members.

Charlie Chisholm had paid for the tent and offered its use until a building could be constructed. Isaac A. Patton, Jr. served as the first pastor for a few months, but was replaced by Rev. C.K. Brooks by the end of the year.

Plans for a church were drawn on a brown paper bag by A.L. Roberts. Using labor provided by the members, the \$22,000 church was completed by February 1948. A parsonage was also built.

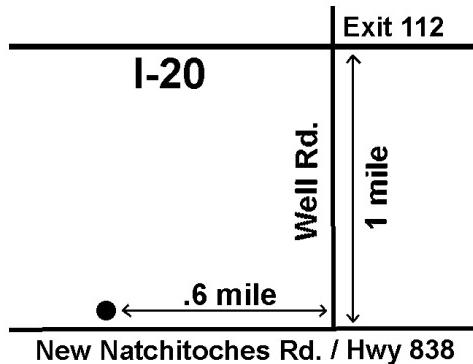
Under the leadership of Rev. Durbin in the late 1950s, a new sanctuary was constructed and dedicated.

When it came time to move again, Walter Works helped finance the property for the new location ... five acres on New Natchitoches Road. An agreement to sell the old property was signed in the summer of 1975. The \$200,000 church was built during the first half of 1976 under the leadership of Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn. It included a sanctuary, a fellowship hall, classrooms, a kitchen, and recreation space. At that time, the church changed its name from Brownsville to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Source: Asbury United Methodist Church: 1947-1997, Janelle Wheelis

How to Get There:

Take exit 112 from I-20 and head south on Well Rd. for a mile. Turn right (west) on New Natchitoches Rd. (Hwy 838). The church is 0.6 miles ahead on the right.



Bartholomew United Methodist Church



City	Bastrop
Address	14974 Old Bonita Rd.
Membership	31
Founded	1835



Original front design: 1853-1940s

Local settler William Skanes wanted to start a Masonic lodge and Jay Philip Stiles wanted to start a Methodist Society. A crude meeting place was set up in 1796. A building was constructed in 1807 to hold both groups, though Stiles died that same year. In the early 1800s, circuit riders were assigned to the Ouachita Circuit and are said to have held services at Bartholomew. [Although this information was found by Dr. Houston Roberts in Masonic records, it cannot be verified.]

The first recorded pastor to preach in the Bartholomew area was Rev. John G. Jones in 1826. According to a paper found in Mrs. Matilda Johnson's Bible, the first frame church building was dedicated on June 25, 1835.

The current building was constructed in 1853 by the Methodists and the Masons. There were two doors in the front and one behind the pulpit. The Masons would access the upper floor by an exterior stairway. The Masons later surrendered their charter in 1899. In 1859 the church acquired the deed to the 13 acres of land occupied by the church and cemetery.

In the 1940s, an inside staircase was built to the second floor, which was converted to a fellowship hall and Sunday School rooms.

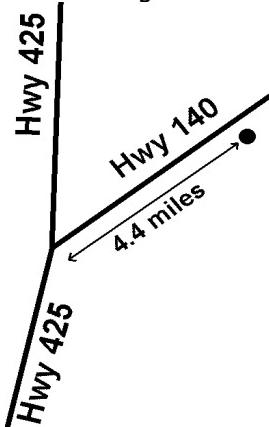
The church was renovated (which included new pews) in the mid 1950s. A major change was the larger vestibule added in 1957 (replacing a smaller one added in 1950), which had a classroom on one side and restrooms on the other. In 1960, the second floor was remodeled and the sanctuary floor covered with new oak flooring. Two years later, the youth bought a lighted cross for the sanctuary and the Pings donated a new organ.

In 1986, the church was listed as a National Methodist Historical Site. In 1989, a new fellowship hall was built near the church and dedicated the following year by Bishop William Oden..

Source: Bartholomew United Methodist Church: 1796-1998, Vera Lee Hedges

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 425 north out of Bastrop. Turn right onto Hwy 140 (Hwy 425 will continue to the left). After 5.5 miles, you'll see the church and cemetery on the right side of Hwy 140.



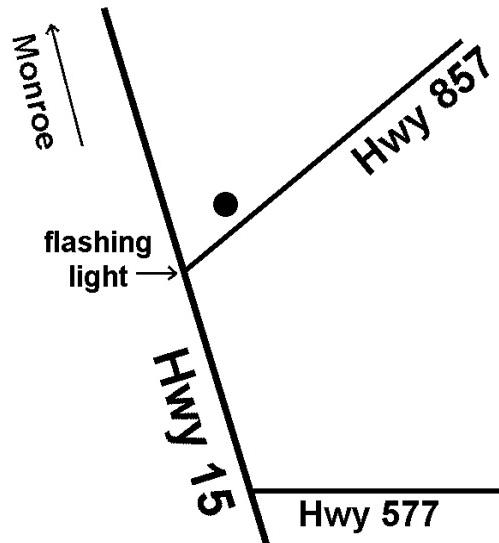
Baskin United Methodist Church



City	Baskin
Address	Hwy 857
Membership	14
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 15 south out of Monroe to the Baskin community. Turn left on Hwy 857. The church is on the left.



First United Methodist Church - Bastrop



City	Bastrop
Address	222 S. Washington St.
Membership	389
Founded	1826

Methodist preaching in the Bastrop area began in the early 1800s. The earliest record of a Methodist church in Bastrop dates back to 1826, when Rev. John G. Jones served the Washita Circuit. The first church on North Washington Street was made of logs.

In 1855, the congregation built a new frame church on the corner of South Washington and West Hickory Streets under the leadership of Rev. George W. Evans. The Annual Conference was held at the new facilities later that year.

Rev. John T. Sawyer led the church in the construction of its first brick church in 1884.

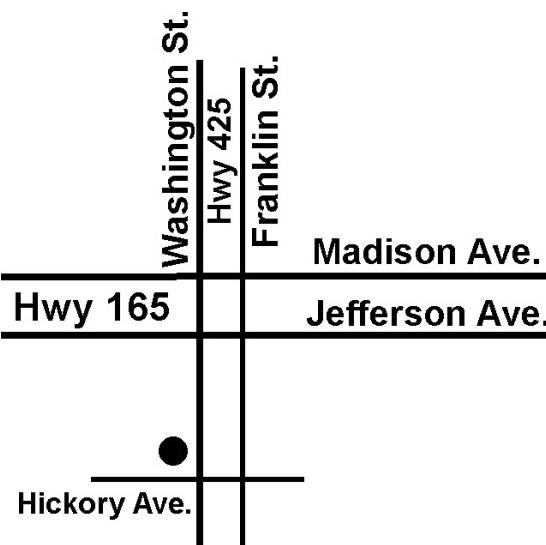
In 1897, all of the previous church records were destroyed in a fire.

The present church was built in 1924 under the leadership of Rev. G.A. Morgan. The pipe organ and stained glass windows were installed in 1928. An education annex was begun in June 1948 under the leadership of Rev. Jolly B. Harper and completed soon after under the leadership of Rev. Jack H. Midyett.

An education building was constructed in 1964 under the leadership of Rev. Robert L. Peyton. Rev. William Peeples led the church in 1984 when an activities building was built. The church was approved as a United Methodist Historical site by the Louisiana Conference in 1997.

How to Get There:

The church is on the west side of the first block of S. Washington St. (Hwy 139) south of E. Jefferson (Hwy 165) in Bastrop. Note: S. Washington goes one-way to the south. If coming from the south on S. Franklin St., turn west (left) on Hickory Ave.



Beech Grove United Methodist Church



City	Spearsville
Address	Beech Grove Rd.
Membership	9
Founded	Late 1800s



100 years ago

The Gunter family allowed the use of their land for the church for many years. In the 1960s, a survey and proper payment for the church was made. Two children, who died from eating poison berries around 1960, are buried about 300 yards from the church. The earliest grave in the cemetery next to the church dates back to 1880. The church possibly had its beginnings sometime around then. The land for the cemetery was donated by Jim Glaze.

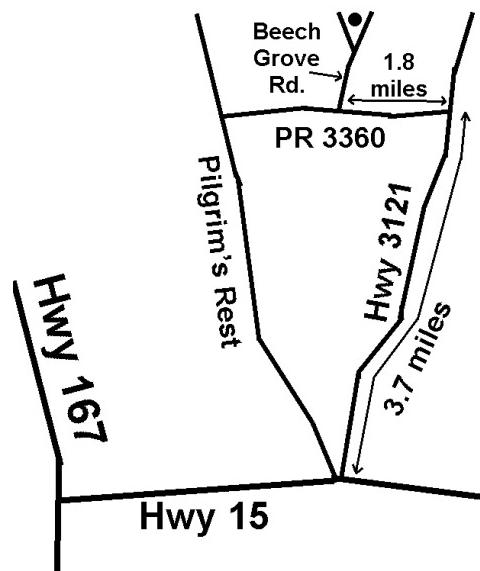
The first church, built in the second half of the 19th century, had a covered entry. Part of that original building is still in use today, though it has been remodeled and improved over the years. Though the wall paneling was added with the floor joists were replaced, the foyer and front of the church is original.

The William Thorn Taylor family greatly contributed to the early life of the church. It included five brothers and five sisters that served the church.

In 1900, Rev. W.H. Wingfield revised the roll. No church records before that time have survived. By that time, the land around the church was all pasture and farm land.

How to Get There:

Take exit 85 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 167 past Bernice. Just south of Lillie, turn right (east) onto Hwy 15. In Spearsville, turn left (north) on Hwy 3121. Then turn left (west) on Tucker Store Rd. after 3.7 miles. After 1.8 miles, turn right on Beech Grove Rd. The church and cemetery are on the left, half a mile up the road.



Beekman United Methodist Church



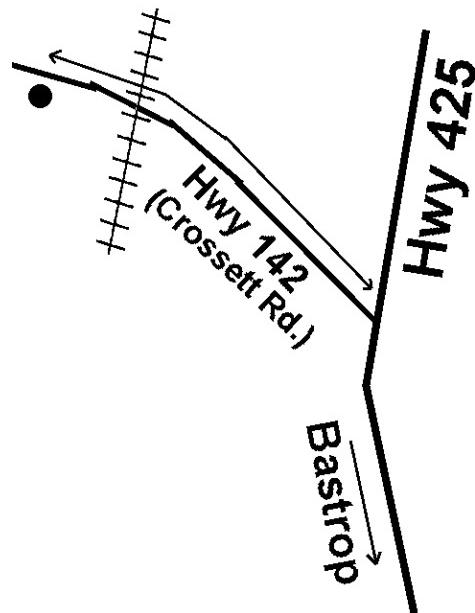
City	Bastrop
Address	15097 Lum Day Rd.
Membership	32
Founded	1908

Humphrey's Chapel was organized by H.G. Roberts and T.S. Randle on August 16, 1908. When the highway was later relocated, the church was also moved. Land for the new location (including the two cemeteries) was given to the church by the Crossett Lumber Company. Though Crossett was bought out by Georgia-Pacific, the gift is valid as long as a church operates on the property.

The congregation re-organized under the name Beekman Methodist Church on November 1, 1937. A parsonage was built on Cox St. for Beekman and Memorial. When charges were separated, Memorial bought out the Beekman's share of the parsonage.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 425 north out of Bastrop. After the Hwy 140 intersection on the right, go 5 miles north on Hwy 425 (Crossett Rd.) and turn left on Hwy 142 (still Crossett Rd.). After 2.1 miles the church will be on the left past the tracks. The cemetery is down the road on the right of the church.



Bernice United Methodist Church

City	Bernice
Address	8 th St.
Membership	100
Founded	1906



The Arkansas Southern Railroad gave two lots (# 13 and 14 of block 14) to the Methodist Episcopal Church South on which to build a church. The first church was built by J. R. "Bob" Cook. The first church record was on February 20, 1906. The first pastor was Rev. W.T. Woodward. In 1913, the congregation built a new church building on lot 14. The pastor at that time was Rev. J.B. Gregory.

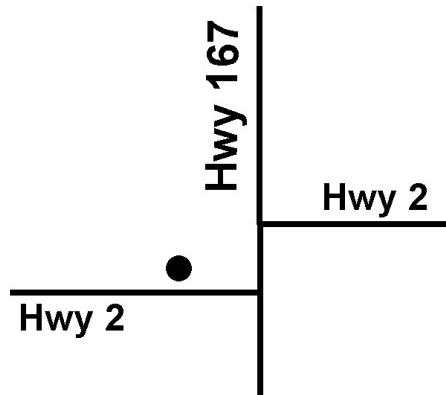
By the mid-20th century, plans for a new church were underway. Under the leadership of Rev. A.M. Wynn, a new church was built facing Highway 2, on block 1 of the Heard Addition. The first service in the new church was held on Easter Sunday, March 18, 1951.

The sanctuary was remodeled in 1992-93, under the leadership of Rev. Carolyn Volentine. On a Sunday night (September 5, 1999), lightning struck the church and in just a few hours it had burned down. Led by Rev. William P. Minyard, the congregation started making plans to rebuild.

Cortez Laurence and Margeann Warden donated the use of one of their vacant store buildings for worship space during rebuilding. The church was completed and the first service held on October 7, 2001. The dedication service was held on April 25, 2004 under the leadership of Rev. Johnie Adkins, with Rev. Minyard delivering the message.

How to Get There:

Take exit 85 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 167 to Bernice. You'll pass Grace UMC (on the left) in north Ruston; 18.5 miles past Grace take a left on Hwy 2 (8th St.) in Bernice. The church is on the right.



Bethel United Methodist Church



City	Downsville
Address	Jones Rd.
Membership	16
Founded	1904

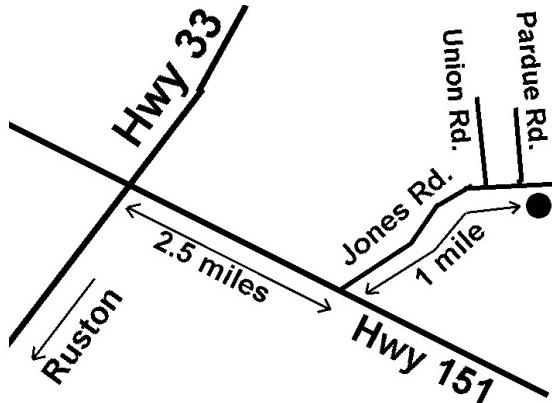
At the dawn of the 20th century, the area was growing in population. Citizens such as the Spurlocks and the Jones' had been worshiping at the Mt. Nebo church, but decided to build a house of worship closer to their homes. The Bethel Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1904 and a wooden church soon constructed. It was placed on a circuit with the Mt. Nebo church.

They continued as Methodist Protestant congregations until 1953. In that year, under the leadership of Rev. Doug McGuire, they became aligned with the Methodist Church and were added to the Downsville circuit.

Current and former parishioners and pastors celebrate their heritage at a homecoming held each September.

How to Get There:

Take exit 86 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 33. Turn right on Hwy 151 at D'Arbonne. After 2.5 miles, turn left on Jones Rd. The church is on the right, one mile ahead.



Beulah United Methodist Church



City	Calhoun
Address	Beulah Church Rd.
Membership	70
Founded	1891

The first pastor when the church was organized in 1891 was Rev. Mandeville. The first church building was a small wooden building with now windows. It did have shutters and planks for seating. Revivals were common in those days.

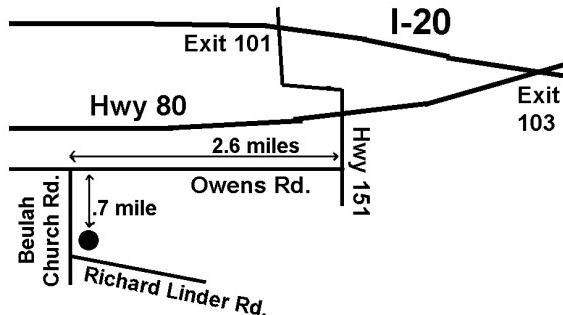
The revivals continued even after the church burned down in the 1920s. It was later rebuilt.

Membership declined towards the end of the 20th century, and the church almost closed. When Rev. Troy Garret arrived in 1995, the church was renewed and membership grew to almost sixty.

In May 2003, a fellowship hall was constructed. It was completed free of debt..

How to Get There:

Take exit 101 from I-20, head south on Hwy 151, and then turn right onto Hwy 80 and head west for 2.6 miles. Turn left onto Beulah Church Rd. After 0.7 miles, the church and cemetery will be on the left. Richard Linden Rd. is just to the right of the church.



Bird's Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Truxno
Address	Bird's Chapel Road
Membership	47
Founded	1921

Methodism began in the Truxno-Oakland area in the 1800s. Rev. Williamson Bird of Georgia founded the first church, known as the Tennessee Methodist Church. It was torn down and the materials sold in 1886. Around the turn of the century the Greenville Methodist Church was built. That church also served as a school. Soon after 1910, that building was also torn down. Materials from that building are still in some of the homes of the area.

It took several years for the community to raise the money to build a new church. The congregation bought the wood from Bob Edward's mill. The flooring was donated by the Union Saw Mill. On December 21, 1921, another church building was completed. The unpainted church was named Bird's Chapel in honor of Rev. Bird. Rev. Bird is buried in the old Tennessee Cemetery.

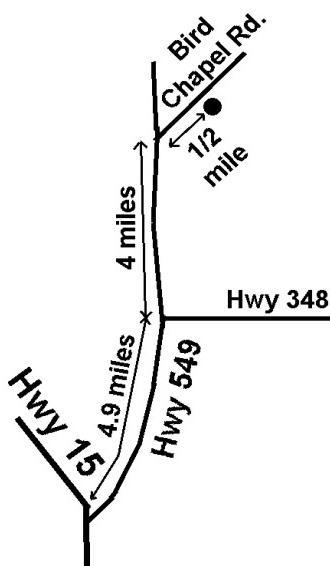
When the oak pillars became decayed around 1935, the Farmerville Methodist Church donated some bricks and new pillars were built.

A new church was built in 1946. Carpenter Clinton Allen led the group of volunteer laborers. This time the church was set on concrete pillars. In later years, the church was remodeled. Classrooms were also added and bricked.

Source: A Brief History of Bird's Chapel United Methodist Church, Sadie Herring

How to Get There:

Take exit 86 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 33. Pass through Farmerville. When Hwy 33 turns right, keep going straight on Hwy 15. About 3 miles north of Farmerville, turn right on Hwy 549. Head north. Four miles past the Hwy 348 intersection in Conway, take a right on Bird Chapel Rd. The church and cemetery are on the right, half a mile ahead.



Boeuf Prairie United Methodist Church



City	Fort Necessity
Address	Hwy 135
Membership	64
Founded	1833

Circuit riders started visiting the area in the early 1800s. In 1832, Rev. Uriah Whatley was appointed to serve from "Boeuf River up to Big Creek." After founding the Boeuf Prairie congregation in 1833, services were held in private homes.

The church building was constructed in 1837. The cypress wood and windows were brought up from New Orleans by steamboat. The church was whitewashed, leading to the nickname the "White Swan." In those days the church was the center of parish activities, holding many of the early parish organizational and business meetings.

At the time of the organization of the Louisiana Conference in 1847, the membership contained 141 white and 100 black members.

In 1898, the interior lattice and plaster walls were replaced with beaded woodwork walls.

Since Boeuf Prairie was in a rural area, the pastor typically lived elsewhere in rode in to town ... usually holding services once a month. When Rev. Daniel Barr was appointed to the circuit in 1913, he held services at Boeuf Prairie twice a month.

Since its earliest days, the church property had actually been owned by the Bonner family. On June 21, 1916, the church formally bought the property for \$86.

In 1939, the church building was rotated 180 degrees. It was moved from the west side of the cemetery to the east side facing eastward towards the recently completed Fort Necessity-Ogden highway. That same year the church bought the land between the church and the highway (now used as the parking area) from Henry Buie and sold him land at the west side of the cemetery.

Led by Mrs. Lee Wooldridge, fundraising began in 1948 to add Sunday School classrooms. Her husband got lumber and labor donated from the community over three years.

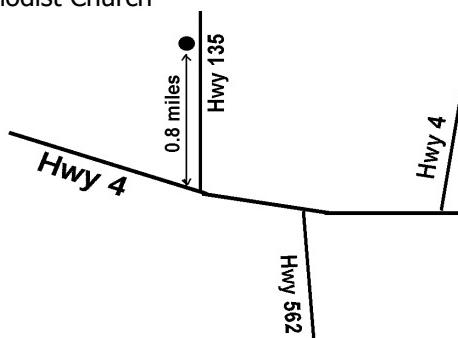
In 1957, the entrance was modernized. A large social room was added to the church in 1962 and dedicated the following year. In 1964, Helen V. Talbert donated property to be used for a parsonage. The church inherited \$20,000 from the estate of long-time member James M. King (after he passed away at age 112) to use for upkeep of the facilities.

In 1983, the church's restrooms were remodeled and carpeting added in the sanctuary.

Source: Sesquicentennial History of Boeuf Prairie Methodist Church

How to Get There:

From Hwy 165, take Hwy 4 east in Columbia. Upon reaching the Fort Necessity community, turn left (north) on Hwy 135. The church and cemetery are 0.8 miles ahead on the left.



Centerpoint United Methodist Church



City	Jonesboro
Address	Nine Pine Rd.
Membership	31
Founded	1894

The church began with the name Bethel, possibly as early as the 1870s. An old deed dated in that decade is for land to establish a Bethel Church and cemetery. That site is the location of the present Old Bethel Cemetery. The cemetery dates back to the 1850s.

The church dates its history back to 1894, when a deed shows land donated for the Wesley Chapel Methodist Protestant Church. That land is the site for the current Centerpoint Church.

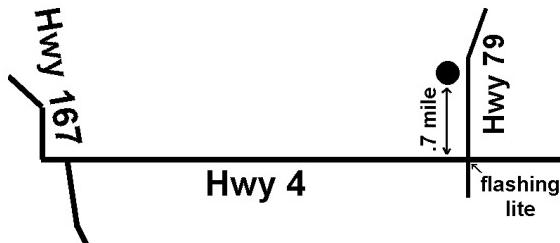
Members recall how Rev. Jack Shaw (1980-82) had a granddaughter that used to cry for his attention during services. In the mid 1980s, under the leadership of Rev. Thomas C. Beeler (1982-86), the church decided to build a fellowship hall. In 1986, the church bought the pews, pulpit chairs, communion table, and lectern from the Full Gospel Church in Jonesboro for \$1500.

Construction on the fellowship hall began in March 1988 under the leadership of Rev. Barbara Duke (1986-90). It was built with \$8500 generated from fundraisers and a \$6000 loan. Mr. Jerry Cavett led the church members in constructing the building. It was completed under the leadership of Rev. Robert Townsend in 1991. Members recall that Rev. Townsend had a box in which children were urged to place items, and he would use the item in his sermon. He was only stumped when he found the lint from a clothes dryer in the box one Sunday.

In 1994, the church celebrated its 100th anniversary by fixing up the church and buying new hymnals. The pastor at that time was Rev. Scott Edinfield.

How to Get There:

Go to Jonesboro on Hwy 167 and take Hwy 4 to the east. After 3.3 miles, turn left at the flashing light onto Nine Pine Rd. The church is on the left after 0.7 miles.



Chatham United Methodist Church



City	Chatham
Address	905 Chatham Ave.
Membership	73
Founded	1904

Services began in a “Union Building” at the start of the 20th century. The one-room wooden community church was shared by the Baptists and the Methodists (Methodist Protestant, Congregational Methodists, and M.E. Church, South). The first parsonage, owned by the M.E. Church, South, was located behind the old Head Hotel. The pastor would preach one service a month. Though it is said that Rev. Isaac Patton, Sr. organized the church in 1901 or 1902, the first record of the church dates to 1904.

While Rev. E.W. Corley served as pastor (1937-39), a Leadership Training School was started in Chatham. In the beginning, participants were housed and fed by members of the church. The men of the church later built an activities building with a kitchen and dining area. At least three people were inspired to enter the ministry with the help of the Leadership School.

Rev. J.T. Garrett served as pastor for 16 years (1941-57). During his pastorate, the current brick church was built. Services were held at the town lodge hall during construction. The first service in the new church was held on March 24, 1946. At that point, the outstanding debt on the building’s cost (\$16,276.41) was only \$100.

An education building was constructed in 1958-59 under the leadership of Rev. R. DeBusk. It was paid off by 1961, and Bishop Aubrey Walton led the dedication service on October 7, 1962.

Under the leadership of Rev. William “Jack” Shaw (1974-80), the choir loft was renovated and the education building was greatly expanded. The area of the existing education structure became the fellowship hall. The building was consecrated in April 1979 and dedicated January 19, 1981. The pastor at the time of the dedication was Rev. Jerry James.

Source: Chatham United Methodist Church, by Elaine Greer

How to Get There:

Head to Chatham on Hwy 34 (from the north/south) or Hwy 4 (from the east/west). On Hwy 4 (Shell Ave.) east of Hwy 34 in Chatham, turn south onto Maple St. Chatham Ave. is one block ahead, and the church is on the left on the corner.



Choudrant United Methodist Church



City	Choudrant
Address	125 Pecan St.
Membership	55
Founded	

When the D.E. Ford family moved to Choudrant in 1917, there was no Methodist church in town. The Fords and the 5 other Methodist families in Choudrant asked if the pastor at Clay could hold services for them. So Rev. R.H. Hamburg, pastor at Clay, began holding services once a month at Choudrant.

On September 7, 1917, the church was organized with 19 members. Services were held at the school until a church could be built. Work began on October 1, 1923 as Homer Ford and W.H. Young laid the foundation. Construction on the church was completed by the spring of 1924. It was dedicated by Rev. D.C. Barr on May 2, 1926. Lumber for the pews was donated by Mr. D.W. McDaniel. Men in the congregation finished the pews after Mr. Hubbard had cut the wood. Aunt Sallie Davis donated screens for the windows. The piano had been purchased in 1925.

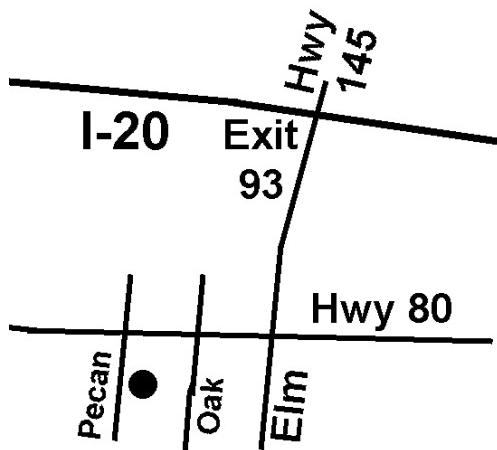
In 1927, service times switched from the afternoon to the morning and evening.

In 1952, Kirby Vining was licensed to preach and began his ministry.

Source: History of Choudrant United Methodist Church by Mrs. D.E. Ford

How to Get There:

Take exit 93 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 145 (Elm St.) for 0.6 miles. Turn right on Hwy 80 and go 2 blocks. Turn left on Pecan St. The church is on the left.



Claiborne United Methodist Church

City	West Monroe
Address	5401 Cypress St.
Membership	85
Founded	1920



The first services in the area were camp meetings held on the site of the present school. After the first school was built in 1908-09, visiting Methodist circuit riders used it to hold services. Rev. J.R. Roy, pastor of the church in West Monroe, accepted ten members at a service at the school in 1919. By mid 1920, interest had risen in building a Methodist church. Rev. H.W. Ledbetter led the congregation as fundraisers generated capital.

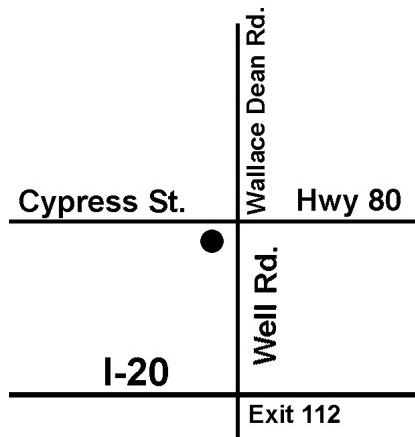
Mrs. W.A. Burt donated a lot on Claiborne Road on which to build a Community Methodist Church. Mrs. Minnie Burt Haynes sold a lot to the church for \$25. Local men built a 30x60' building, located behind the present-day Claiborne School. The church's first seats came from Colony Methodist when it disbanded. After pews were later built, those chairs were given to another church. Worship was held every other Sunday afternoon.

Property was bought from Mr. W.R. Williams on the corner of Well Road and Hwy 80 West in 1947. The first service was held in the new church on Easter Sunday, 1948. An education building was constructed in 1958. That building is now used as a fellowship hall and for day care. The Day Care Center was begun during the pastorate of Rev. Ed Parks (1979-83).

In 1984, the old parsonage was moved from its lot and a new one built. In 1986, plans were made to renovate the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 112 from I-20 and head north on Well Rd. After 1/3 mile, turn left on Hwy 80 (Cypress St.). The church is on the left.



Clay United Methodist Church



City	Clay
Address	Hwy 148
Membership	40
Founded	1920

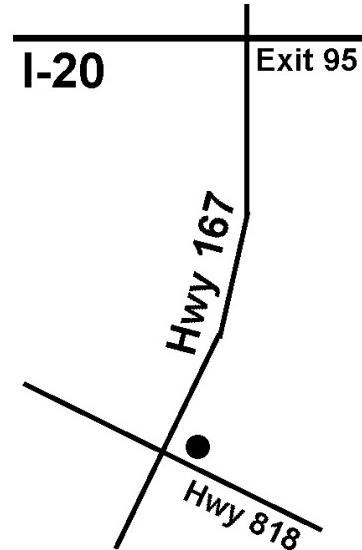
The land on which the church stands was donated by J.R. Kavanaugh. The church was built in 1920 by James “Jim” Beatty, Ibrie “Ibe” Beatty, and Elbert Hobbs.

Clay maintains an active role in the life of the community, helping with food for the needy, school uniforms, holiday baskets, and much more. An annual homecoming is held. Family Night Dinner is held the first Wednesday of each month. The harvest celebration of food, fun, and fellowship is topped off by a hayride. A dinner to honor teachers is held at the end of each summer.

As one member said at a Sunday night meeting, “if persons come to Clay and give us four Sundays, they will never want to leave.” The current pastor noted that pastors assigned to Clay may consider themselves “blessed by God” to be given such a church; and that they are “blessed by the reflection of God seen within them” on Sunday mornings.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 167 south from Ruston. After going about 6 miles south of Ruston, turn left on Hwy 148. The church is on the left.



(Collinston) Reily Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Collinston
Address	4571 Keller Dr.
Membership	151
Founded	



1926-1940

The first record of a church in the Gum Swamp area (as Collinston was then called) was the mention of an Oak Ridge charge on October 11, 1873. They may have met in homes and at the old Patton School, led by the pastor at that time Rev. George Jackson. In 1877 a committee met to decide on a location ("at the foot of the hills") to build a church and parsonage in the Good Hope community. After James D. Howell donated six acres of land to the church, they built a church 40 by 32 feet in size. The building, which also served as a school, was located near the entrance of the present Kalorama Nature Preserve.

On May 28, 1894, John Boatner Reily donated a 50x100' lot in Collins to the church. He was asked to leave the church in Bastrop for dancing, so he wanted a church that he could attend and still be allowed to dance. The nearby Good Hope Church had been torn down and the lumber was brought to Collins to use for the new church.

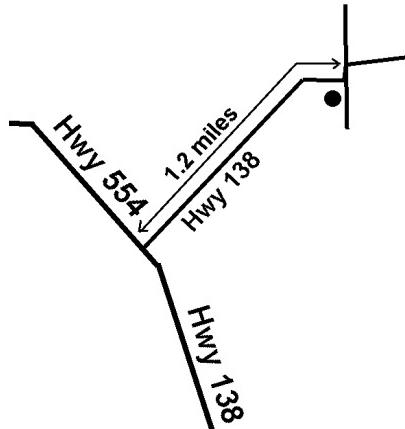
A new church was built in 1925-26. The old church was sold to G.W. Dalgarn who moved it one block away from the site. It is now a residence. Various fundraisers were held and the new church was built by the membership. They even waited for the train every Monday and would ask the salesmen for donations. The new church was named after the donor of the property. The Baptist congregation used the building to meet on Friday nights.

In 1940, John Reily's younger brother William offered to give the church \$10 for every dollar they raised. After they raised \$1000, he gave the church \$10,000. After acquiring a lot from Mrs. Cora Harper, the church property expanded to 130x100' in size. The 1926 church was moved to the new lot and used as the education building. The new church, a copy of an English chapel, was built on the corner of the lot.

The church bought a lot for \$125 in 1944. With the congregation supplying the labor, materials from a house donated by William B. Reily were used to construct a parsonage on the lot. That parsonage was eventually sold in 1977.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 139 (south from Bastrop, north from Monroe). Turn east on Hwy 554 (Perryville Rd.). When you get to Hwy 138, take it to the left towards Collinston. Turn right on Kelly St. and the church is on the right.



Columbia United Methodist Church



City	Columbia
Address	501 Church St.
Membership	177
Founded	

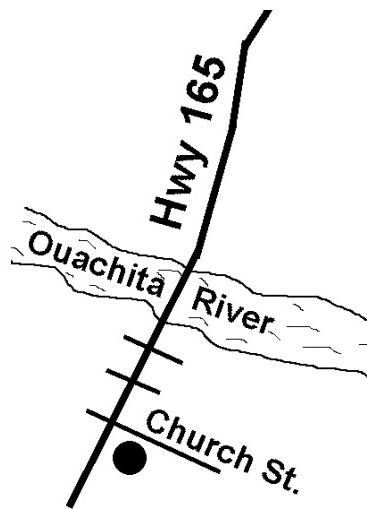
Services began in the first half of the 19th century as circuit riders held meetings in the area. Rev. Edwin Yancey wrote that he was sent to Columbia in 1843. The first Louisiana Annual Conference in 1847 lists Columbia as a charge. In 1858, property was donated to the church by King and Hyams. Joining forces with the Masonic Lodge, a two-story building was constructed. The church used the first floor and the lodge met on the second.

As they entered the 20th century, the congregation began to look at building a larger facility. Using a blueprint brought back from Europe by Lillie Blanks, the new church was built of local cypress and completed in 1911. The original pulpit and pews were used. The bell came from one of the boats from the Blanks Steamboat Line. The debt was paid and it was dedicated five years later.

In the 1930s, an education wing was added onto the structure. In the 1980s, additional rooms (choir room, pastor's study, classrooms) were added.

How to Get There:

Head to Columbia on Hwy 165. At Church St. (the second light south of the Ouachita River), turn east. The church is on the right.



Concord United Methodist Church



City	Chatham
Address	1700 Concord Rd.
Membership	26
Founded	1909

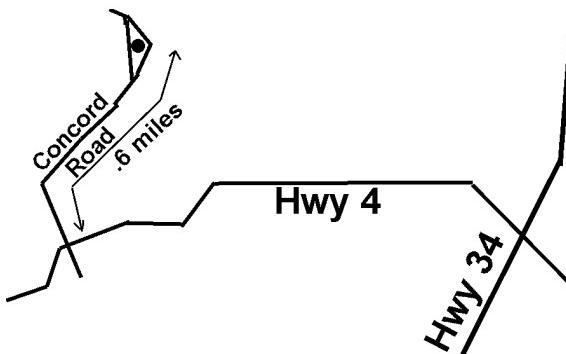
In 1857, settlers from Georgia moved to Jackson Parish. The families, which included the Carrolls, Hearnes, Jordans, and Shells, became active in the Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Church. They later helped to establish the Mt. Pleasant church in 1859.

The Concord church began in 1909 on land donated by the Barnes family. The first services were held under a brush arbor, and a church was later built. Electric lights were added during the Depression. Air conditioning was added in the 1960s. The fellowship hall and bell tower were added in the 1970s.

The present church is the third one constructed on the site. The pews and pulpit were built by former pastor Rev. Falcon Hearne, who grew up at Concord. Several ministers have come out of the church.

How to Get There:

Head to Chatham on Hwy 34 (from the north/south) or Hwy 4 (from the east/west). About 2 miles west of the Hwy 4/34 intersection in Chatham, turn north onto Concord Rd. The church and cemetery are on the right after 0.6 miles.



Crew Lake United Methodist Church



City	Start
Address	2830 Magnolia Dr.
Membership	121
Founded	1919

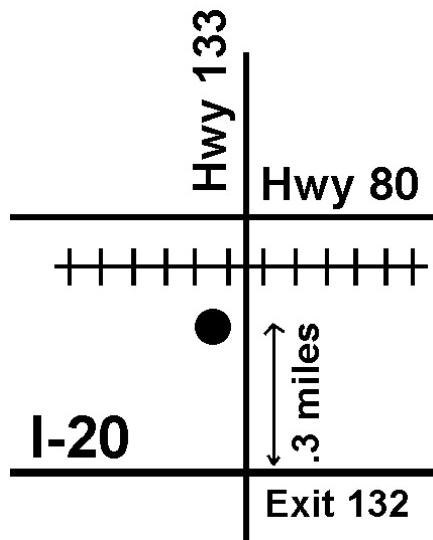
In 1904, the parish school board gave its permission to hold non-denominational services at the 3rd Ward Central school. More rooms were added in 1915, with the Methodists and Baptists assisting in the cost and work. In 1918-19, the Baptists and Methodists worked together to build the Charleston Baptist Church. After several people joined the congregation during a 1919 revival at that church, the Methodist pastor stated that they had enough members to start a church. That year, eight families came forward to pledge \$100 each toward a new church. The pastor at that time was Rev. W.R. Harvell. Mrs. D.A. Whitefield approached the Millsaps family to ask for some land for the church. They donated the land with the understanding that a church would operate on the property. Construction began in 1923 and was complete by 1926.

When the depression hit, the church closed for a while due to a lack of funds. After a 1934 revival by Rev. R.M. Bentley (from the Gordon Avenue Methodist Church), the congregation rededicated themselves and reorganized.

A new parsonage was built in 1961 on the church property. A new brick church was completed in 1965.

How to Get There:

Take exit 132 off of I-20 and head north on Hwy 133 towards Start. The church is 1/3 mile north of I-20 right before the tracks.



Crowville United Methodist Church



City	Crowville
Address	Cypress Rd.
Membership	68
Founded	1913



1889-1968

On May 10, 1889, the Baptist Church of Christ in Crowville bought a one and a half acres of land on the Harrisonburg Road (Hwy 578) and built a church on the southwest corner of the plot. The rest of the land was used as a free burial ground. Since the Methodists and Presbyterians had helped in the construction, on May 23, 1889 an agreement was drawn up to allow those two denominations to worship in the structure on the second and fourth Sundays.

The Methodist congregation was organized by Rev. D.C. Barr in 1913. After a visiting minister from Mississippi held a revival there in 1915, the Methodists were inspired to build their own church. They held services and Sunday School at the Crowville School (at the corner of Hwy 17 and Hwy 577) while they raised money. The Sunday School was a Union gathering of various denominations. The community pulled together to haul the lumber from the train station and build the church.

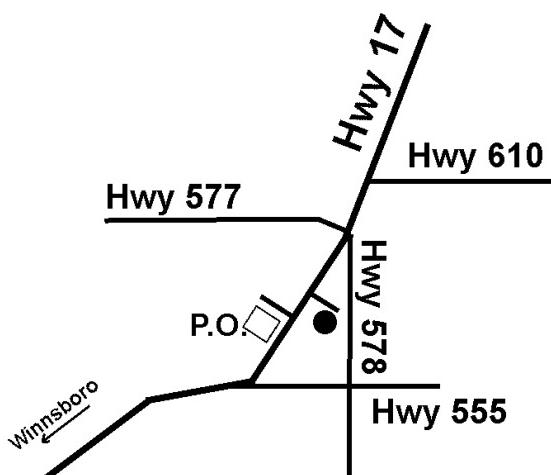
In 1952, the church decided to build a parsonage. After buying a lot for \$5 from Ellis G. Grube on April 4, 1953, a parsonage was built. In 1956, the orphanage in Ruston suggested that they exchange a home (that had been left to them by Mrs. Mamie Bush) with the Crowville parsonage. It was approved in 1958.

In 1968, the church began construction on a new church and education building. The church was later dedicated in 1975.

Source: History of the Crowville United Methodist Church: 1990-1981, Hazel Guyton Biggs

How to Get There:

From Hwy 4 on the east side of Winnsboro, take Hwy 17 north. After 7.9 miles, turn right (just past the post office on the left) onto Cypress Rd. in Crowville. The church will be on the right.



Delhi United Methodist Church



City	Delhi
Address	715 Main St.
Membership	185
Founded	

In 1853, Protestant worship services were being held at the Deerfield Masonic Lodge south of Delhi. A pastor (Rev. Thomas J. Upton) was appointed to "Deerfield" in 1859. Andrew and Martha Owen donated a lot on Main Street on which to build a church. According to the deed, the church was to be shared 50-50 between the Methodists and the Presbyterians. Materials were brought up Bayou Macon from New Orleans and the Methodist pastor led in the construction. The name of the congregation was changed to Delhi in 1860.

After sharing the building for a number of years, the Methodists bought a Baptist church in 1873 on Chatham Street to have a church of their own. The Baptist church was taken down in 1878 and a new structure built. That building was damaged by a 1905 storm and was rebuilt. In 1924, the a new church was constructed at the corner of Chatham and Second Streets.

After Kate and Rudolph Wollank donated a lot at 305 West Ohio Street to the church on September 20, 1929, a parsonage was built.

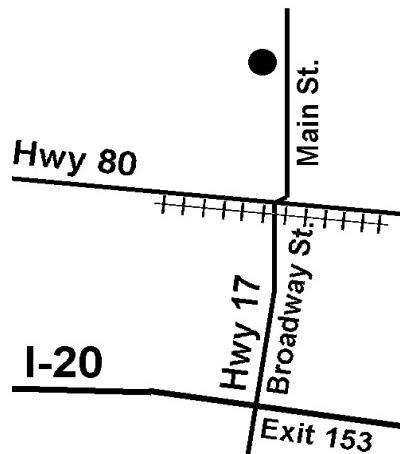
In January 1948, the congregation decided to sell the church property and buy five acres of land on which to build new facilities. The parsonage was sold the following year. The first service in the new church was held on May 7, 1950. The new parsonage had been built on the side of the church. The debts were paid on the church by August 1952, and the dedication took place on February 1, 1953.

On October 27, 1957, before services began, the church caught fire and burned down. During the construction of a new building, services were held at the Delhi High School. The parsonage was moved to 711 Charter Street (and completed May 4, 1968) to make room for the new larger church and education building. The new church at 715 Main Street was dedicated on May 8, 1966.

The parking area was paved and a covered walkway added in the fall of 1973. Part of the money to pay off the church debts came from the sale of a home left to the church by Miss Fannie Travis who passed away in 1974. In 1975, the playground was fenced in and a mini bus purchased.

How to Get There:

Take exit 153 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 17. The church is on the left, 1.5 miles north of I-20.



Dodson United Methodist Church

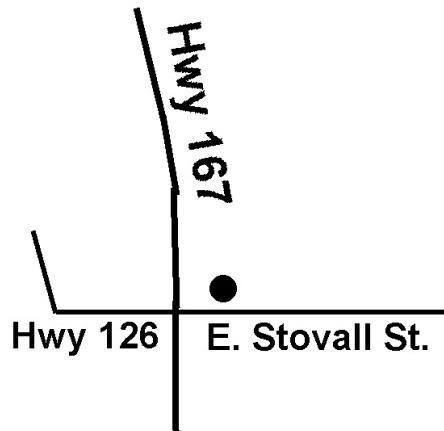


City	Dodson
Address	E. Stovall St.
Membership	20
Founded	1865

The church was organized in 1865. In 1949, the Pybum family donated land on Hwy 126 to the church. The family had ancestors that were among the founders of the church. Materials from two old Methodist church buildings were used in constructing the present facility at that site. The cost for the building and furnishings was \$7, 373.69.

How to Get There:

Head to Dodson on Hwy 167 (about midway between Jonesboro and Winnfield). Turn east on Hwy 126 (E. Stovall St.) at the flashing light. The church is on the left.



Douglas United Methodist Church



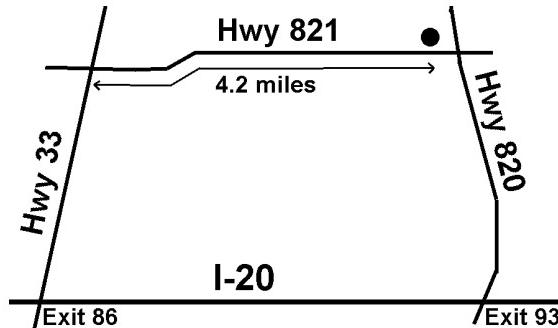
City	Douglas
Address	1642 Hwy. 821
Membership	172
Founded	1855

After a revival and house-to-house visitation in 1855, the church was organized. The first services were held under a brush arbor across from the Douglas cemetery. The location was moved to its present site in 1881 and the second church building was constructed. The third (and current) sanctuary was built in the 1970s and dedicated on September 25, 1977. An education building and fellowship hall were also built at that time.

The current parsonage was dedicated in February 1982 under the leadership of Rev. Brenda Layman. A family life center was built behind the sanctuary and was dedicated on August 28, 1994. The outdoor bulletin board, also set up in 1994, is in memory of Willie Dean Chandler.

How to Get There:

Take exit 86 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 33 (Farmerville Hwy). Turn right at the flashing light onto Hwy 821/Frazier Rd. The church is on the left after 4.2 miles. If heading north on Hwy 820 from Choudrant, turn left on Hwy 821 and the church will be on the right.



Downsville United Methodist Church



City	Downsville
Address	Hwy 151
Membership	103
Founded	

The area (first known as Lower Pine Hills) was first visited by Methodist circuit riders in the early 1800s. Around 1812, "Father Abraham" Pipes and his family settled in the area. He became a book agent and served as a Methodist minister. By 1839, Rev. Parrish was preaching at the Methodist mission at Lower Pine Hills. In 1850, there was a Methodist church by the Smyrna cemetery. The log church, pastored by Rev. John Honeycutt, served both blacks and whites. When a post office was established in 1851, the name of the community was changed to Downsville after Gen. Q.S. Downs.

The church was incorporated on March 14, 1855 as the Downsville Circuit. Shortly after W.B. Mattox gave land to the church on September 3, 1866, a building was constructed. This original church later burned down. On April 26, 1890, J.T. Reynolds gave some property to the church. Rev. Collier led the church in building a sanctuary that year. Most of the furnishings were made by the pastor himself. The church originally had a tall steeple, but when it was damaged by a storm it was never rebuilt to that original height. The bell from that steeple still hangs in the current steeple.

Until 1910, the pastors lived in a parsonage at Downsville. From 1910 to 1947, the pastors lived at Calhoun or Marion. In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ballard donated their apple orchard to the church and a parsonage was built on the location that year. The pastor at that time was Rev. D.L. McGuire.

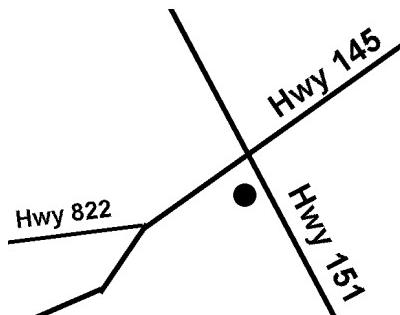
In 1953-54, the current sanctuary and education building were built. The old facilities were turned around and used as part of the new structure. The church was dedicated on March 29, 1959.

A new parsonage was built in 1982-83, with the dedication service on February 13, 1983. In 1986, donations allowed for the installation of stained glass windows in the church. They were dedicated on June 22 of that year.

The Downsville congregation has historically been mission-minded. One project was to support one fifth of the salary of Joe and Dot Davis, missionaries in the Belgian Congo. Work teams from the church have traveled across the globe for mission work.

How to Get There:

Take exit 93 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 145 to Downsville. Turn right on Hwy 151. The church is on the right.



Dubach United Methodist Church

City	Dubach
Address	405 Main St.
Membership	166
Founded	1906



After probably holding services for a time, the Methodist purchased a lot in Dubach on April 16, 1906. That original wooden church was later damaged when a storm blew the building off its blocks while a worship service was in progress. Though the organist was thrown from her bench, the damage was light and was soon fixed.

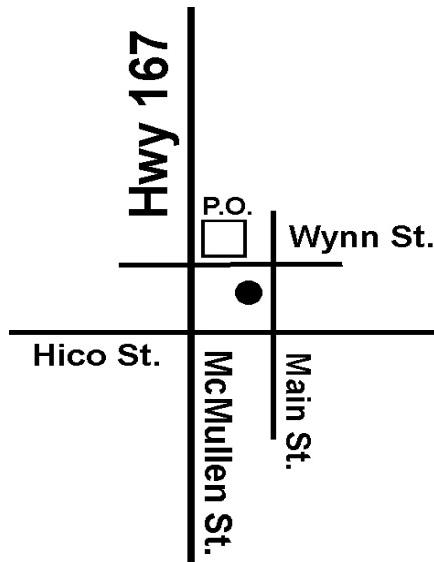
By the early 1920s, a new brick sanctuary had been built. The location was atop the highest hill in Dubach. A building program began in the 1960s under the leadership of Rev. Jerry Means. A fellowship hall was completed in 1962, with a new sanctuary following in 1963. The new brick sanctuary had a high, wood-beamed ceiling. A member (Joe Smith) who was a contractor led the construction. The sanctuary was dedicated on May 26, 1963.

Stained glass windows were added to the church in 1983. It was about this time that the Hilly congregation merged with the Dubach congregation. A grand piano was added to the sanctuary in 1986.

Two pastors ... Jayne Trammell-Ketty and Luman E. Douglas ... came out of the congregation, and Jimmie Pyles was recommended by the church as he began his ministry.

How to Get There:

Take exit 85 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 167. In Dubach, turn right (east) from Hwy 167 (McMullen St.) onto Hwy 151 (Hico St.) at the light. After 1 block, turn left on Main St. The church is on the left.



Epps United Methodist Church



City	Epps
Address	Hwy 134
Membership	38
Founded	1920

In the early 1900s, the closest Methodist church to Epps was the Midway church between Epps and Warden. When there was bad weather, they couldn't make the trip. Led by the Midway pastor, Rev. U. Smart, Methodists in the Epps area organized their own congregation. Land was donated by Mrs. Tom LeFevre along Hwy. 134 East and the church was built in 1920. On May 23, 1920, the first service was held in the new building.

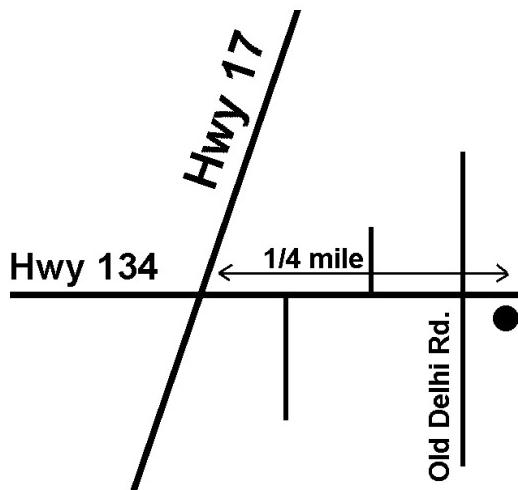
The church burned down in 1933 and was rebuilt the following year. Classrooms were added during the rebuilding.

In 1953, the parsonage on Holly Street was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Miller for \$3,000. Rev. J.B. McCann (the first full-time pastor) and his family were the first occupants of the parsonage.

After the church burned down on February 28, 1968, services were held at the Epps High School auditorium. Joe Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lusk donated property across the street from the church property and work began on new facilities on June 15, 1968. Rev. Theron McKisson led services in the fellowship hall when it was completed, and then in the sanctuary by September when it was finished. Bishop Aubrey Walton led the dedication service on January 19, 1969. The old parsonage was sold, and a new one was built next to the church later in 1969.

How to Get There:

Take exit 153 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 17. In Epps, turn right (east) on Hwy 134. The church is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile ahead on the right, just past Old Delhi Rd.



Eros United Methodist Church



City	Eros
Address	2 nd St.
Membership	133
Founded	1904

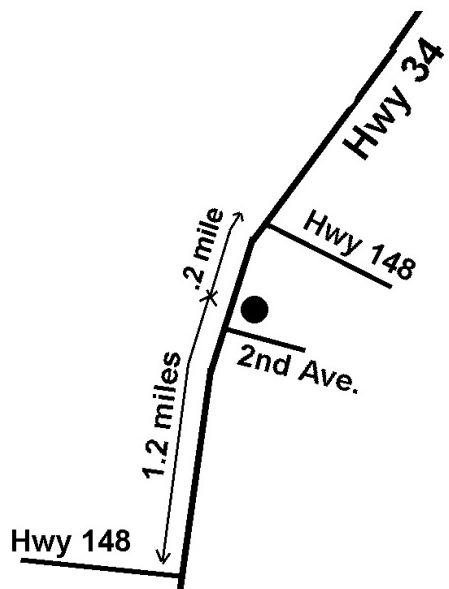
The church was organized in 1904 by Rev. Charles Bly. The first Board of Trustees consisted of Julian M. Collins, Dr. J.N. Hoad, and Sam M. Collins.

The second church was built in 1944 under the leadership of Rev. F.L. Hearne. Though it was replaced by the present church structure in 1980, the second church building still stands.

The third church held its first service on Easter Sunday 1980 under the leadership of Rev. William B. Shaw.

How to Get There:

Take exit 101 from I-20, head south on Hwy 151, and then turn right onto Hwy 144 towards Eros. When you get to Hwy 34 (2nd St.) just north of Eros, turn right and the church will be on the left after about 1/3 mile (just after Hwy 148 on the left. Or head north on Hwy 34 from Chatham and the church is 1.2 miles past the Hwy 148 intersection on your left.



Faith United Methodist Church



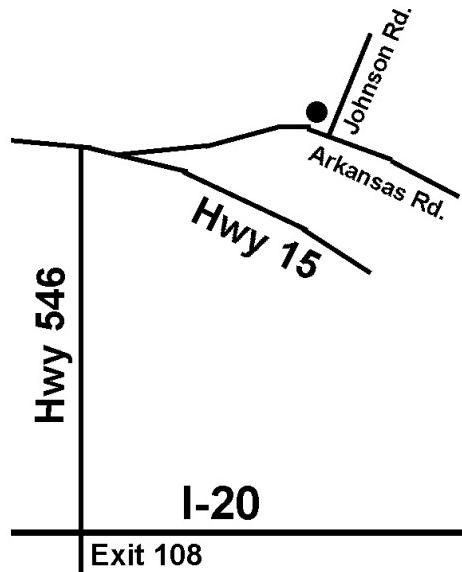
City	West Monroe
Address	3510 Arkansas Rd.
Membership	252
Founded	1984

In 1984, McGuire United Methodist Church sponsored the formation of a new congregation in the Drew community. The first gatherings were Sunday School classes held in a trailer near the current site of the church. The first service was held on April 22, 1984 at the Drew School cafeteria.

Current programs include Mother's Day Out and a Latchkey After School Program.

How to Get There:

Take exit 108 from I-20. Head north on Cheniere Drew Rd. (Hwy 546) to Hwy 15. Turn right. Veer left onto Hwy 616 (Arkansas Rd.). The church is on the left, just to the west of Johnson Rd. Or, heading west on Hwy 80 turn north on Wallace Rd. in Claiborne and then left on Arkansas.



Farmerville United Methodist Church



City	Farmerville
Address	300 Anthony St.
Membership	292
Founded	1842

Methodist circuit riders first visited the area in the early 1800s. In 1839, the parish donated one acre of lands for a Methodist church. Land was also given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. David Arent. Church records in 1880 show that money was being raised to build a church. At that time, services were being held at the Masonic Hall. The pastor of the circuit at that time was Rev. J.H. Patterson. By 1884, completion of the church was at hand and a Sunday School was started. The church was damaged by a storm in 1886 and had to be rebuilt.

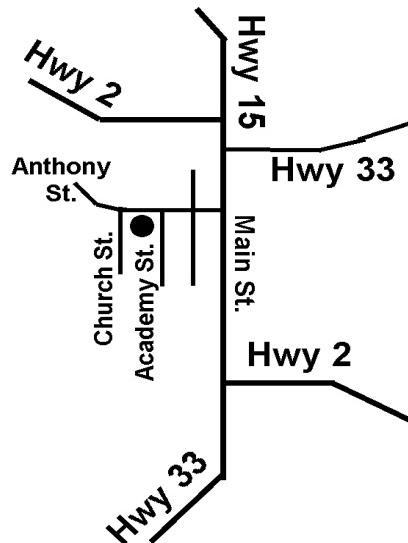
To illustrate the change in times, several members were expelled in 1892 after "having a dance and dancing."

Electric lights were added to the church in 1918. In the 1920s, an annex was made to the church to provide for educational rooms.

Groundbreaking for the current facilities took place in 1953. The fellowship hall and church school were completed first. The parsonage was built at another location. The current sanctuary was completed in 1959. The note was burned on May 23, 1965. Additional work done in 1965 includes work on the parsonage, a nursery, offices, a library, and a drive-through carport. Land for new facilities was purchased with financial help from Mrs. Cleo Taylor Aulds.

How to Get There:

Take exit 86 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 33 to Farmerville. From Hwy 33 (Main St.), turn left on Anthony St. The church is two blocks ahead on the left.



Gilbert United Methodist Church



City	Gilbert
Address	Hanna St.
Membership	68
Founded	1838

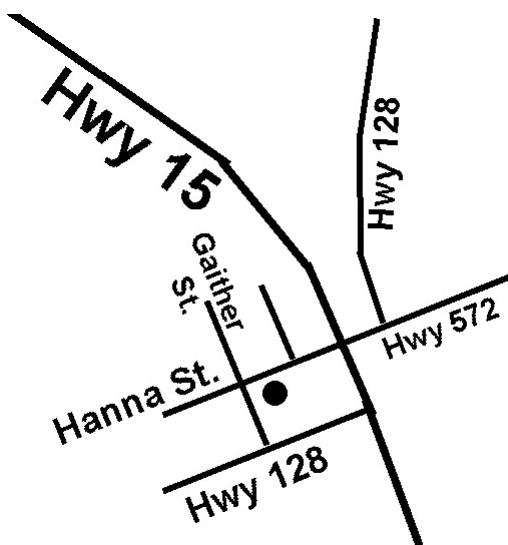
Methodism in the area began with circuit riders in the early 1800s. It was firmly established by 1832, and the first church was built at Oakley in 1838. It was used as a school for a while during the Civil War. At the end of the war, it was used as a mustering out place for the Tensas Calvary.

At the end of the 19th century, a railroad was built through nearby Gilbert. The congregation decided to move and built a frame church there in 1900. A larger two-story brick structure was built in 1923 to accommodate the growing congregation. Since it was large and had a Hammond Spinet organ, other denominations used the church for special events.

Although the church had 158 members in 1943, its numbers have decreased over the years due to lack of work in the area. The church building was showing its years and was taken down in 1964-65. It was replaced with a smaller building.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 15 south of Monroe and go through Winnsboro to Gilbert. Turn right (west) on Hanna St. (to the left is Hwy 572). The church is on the Left.



Grace United Methodist Church



City	Ruston
Address	3401 N. Trenton St.
Membership	402
Founded	1950

On October 3, 1950, six people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hendrickson to plan for a new church. On the next Sunday, October 8, about seventy people met for the first service. It was held at Reese Hall at the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. In November there were 116 persons who signed up to be charter members under the founding pastor, Rev. Doug McGuire.

The parsonage at 1200 Dubach was built in 1951. Plans were made and a building fund started for construction of a fellowship hall on property (at Tech Drive and California) acquired in 1952. Services were first held in that building on Palm Sunday 1953.

On March 3, 1957, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new sanctuary. Costing \$81,000 and seating 385, the building was completed by its formal opening on October 13, 1957. An education building was constructed in 1962-63. In the 1960s, the church began expressing a desire to help with mission work by supporting Ray and Elizabeth Holt in the Philippines.

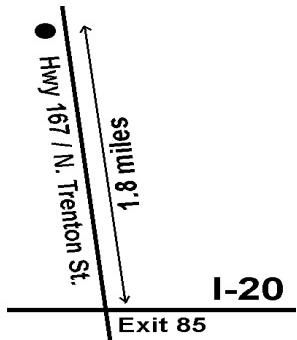
On May 9, 1977, the church voted to purchase 14 acres of land (at a cost of \$53,000) on Hwy 167 north. The plans for a new church were approved in August 1978. The existing church was purchased by Louisiana Tech for \$258,000 in May 1981. The last service in the original church was held on January 2, 1983. The movement of fixtures was completed, and the first service in the new facilities took place the following Sunday. The consecration service was held on January 21, 1983 under the leadership of Rev. James Humphreys..

A new sanctuary and office complex were constructed in 1988 under the leadership of Rev. Larry Miller. The Prayer Chapel was dedicated in June 1991. The church became debt-free on January 16, 1996, when the final building note was paid.

In May 2003, a secret ballot was held, and the congregation voted unanimously to construct a Christian Life Center. The \$850,000 structure was to contain a gym stage, commercial kitchen, youth area, and a large meeting room. It was completed and consecrated on March 14, 2004 under the leadership of Rev. Wayne Evans.

How to Get There:

Take exit 85 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 167 (N. Trenton St.). The church is on the left, 1.8 miles north of the interstate.



Grayson United Methodist Church



City	Grayson
Address	5213 Hwy. 126 E.
Membership	113
Founded	1900

In 1900, three ministers from Kelly came to hold a revival in Grayson. They met at an old store on the corner of Hines and Oak Streets. C.H. Moore was there from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mrs. M.E. Bartlett and Cliffie Jones were there from the Methodist Protestant Church.

Later that year, Rev. A.J. Vallery led in the organization of a Methodist Protestant church. The first church was built under the leadership of Rev. J.C. Hearne in 1906. The building was shared by four denominations: Methodist Protestant, Methodist Episcopal Church South, Free Methodist, and Missionary Baptist. The Sunday School was held together using Union literature.

About 1906, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized by Rev. H.O. White, who came over from Columbia. After meeting once each month for a decade, the congregation built their first church in 1917. The church had been built the previous year in Grayson.

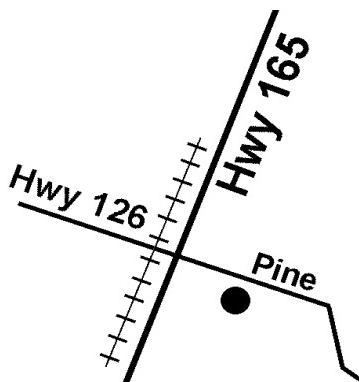
When the Methodist Protestant church burned down in 1934, the larger M.P. congregation shared the M.E.C.S. church building and they held Sunday School together. The two congregation merged during a 1939 revival led by Rev. E.E. McKeithen. At that time, Rev. Virgil Morris was pastor of the Methodist Protestant congregation and Rev. Rex Squyres was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South congregation. The third branch of Methodism (M.E.C.N.) was represented by Jim Christian.

A building fund for a new church began in 1942. Rev. E.M. Mouser proved to be a motivating factor in the drive for a new church building. On April 28, 1949, the sale of the old church property was approved. Construction of a new \$25,000 church began in May 1949 under the leadership of Rev. George Cagle. The new church was completed and dedicated on September 19, 1954. The Grayson and Kelly congregations constructed a new parsonage in 1966. Classrooms were added in 1973, doubling the available space. In 1992, the Kelly congregation combined with Grayson.

Five ministers have come out of this church: Ira Yeager, Harold Corley, Roy Mouser, Lea Joyner, and W.P. McKeithen.

How to Get There:

Grayson is about 5 miles south of Columbia on Hwy 165. Turn east at the light onto Hwy 126 (Pine). The church is 1/6 ahead on the right.



Harmony Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Dubach
Address	1074 Hwy. 152
Membership	64
Founded	1849

The church was founded on the Claiborne/Lincoln Parish line in 1849. A group asked Mr. Donelson Day if they could build a log structure in which to hold services. Mr. Day donated the land (three acres) to the church on April 10, 1858. It was named Harmony after the spirit of harmony among the members. As the church grew, a second larger church was built of sawed lumber in 1861. A church cemetery was added on the west side of the church in 1893. Services were often held on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

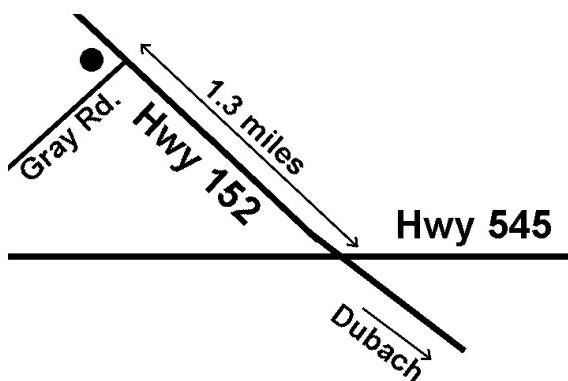
In the late 1800s, larger church with a bell tower was constructed. About that time Rev. J.B. Williams was licensed to preach from the church. In 1893, part of the land on the west side of the church was marked off as a cemetery.

The current church was built around 1935 under the leadership of Rev. W.F. Roberts. Instead of an attached bell tower, the bell was placed on a steel tower in the yard.

A parsonage was built in 1956. The first occupant was Rev. Terral T. Lowe. A fellowship hall was built while Rev. Eddie Morgan, Jr. was the pastor. The dedication service for the new fellowship hall was led by Bishop Aubrey Walton in May 1964.

How to Get There:

Take exit 85 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 167. Turn left (west) on Hwy 152 in Dubach and go 6.1 miles. The church and cemetery are on the left, just past Gray Rd. and the parish line.



Hebert United Methodist Church



City	Hebert
Address	Hwy 561
Membership	61
Founded	1894

At the time the church was established on November 25, 1894, services were held at the Hebert schoolhouse. The pastor was Rev. G.W. Garret, a former Methodist Episcopal Church, South minister. The charter members were Henry Olivier Hebert, Amelia Ann Hebert, Emily Smith, and David Duncan.

The first church building was completed in February 1910. That original location was a few hundred yards north of the present site. Carpenter Martin Howard built the church on land donated by H.O. Hebert for the church and cemetery. By 1904, membership had risen to 124.

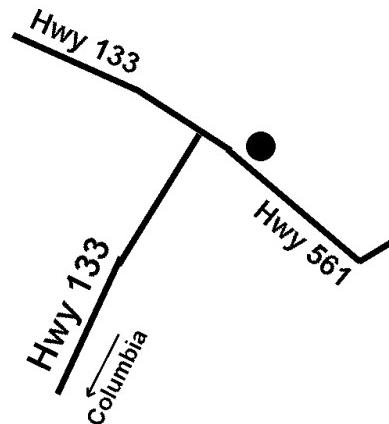
By 1925, attendance had dropped and services were moved back to the schoolhouse, which was closer to most of those attending. In 1935, Rev. Virgil Morris led the church in holding services at the church once again and a Sunday School started.

After non-use for a long time, the building was suffering from termite damage. In 1948, the damaged wood was replaced and four classrooms were added. In the 1950s, the school board gave the church three rooms from the Ward 8 schoolhouse. To allow for expansion of the facilities and cemetery, property was donated to the church by the Martin Howard estate and by Charlie Garner.

Later, the sanctuary received paneling, new windows, new ceiling tile, and a central heating and cooling system. The church's pews were replaced and the current set is the third that the church has used.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 165 in Columbia, head east on Hwy 4. After 1.3 miles, turn north on Hwy 133. After 5.85 miles, turn right on Hwy 561 (Hwy 133 will turn left). The church and cemetery are on the left.



Hodge United Methodist Church



City	Hodge
Address	West Central & 3rd
Membership	135
Founded	1903



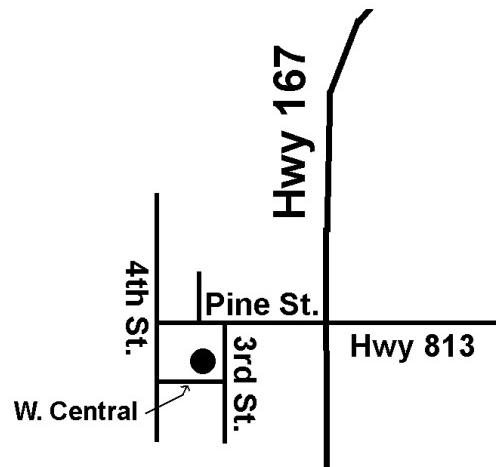
1926-1990

On March 20, 1903, thirty-six charter members organized a church. In those early days, the services and Sunday School were either Union or Community. The church, built by the Huey Hodge Lumber Company, was the only one in town and was used by several denominations. After the old church was condemned in 1926, the company built the congregation a new church. As other denominations left, the Southern Advance Bag and Paper Company gave permission for the Methodist Church to promote services.

In 1968, the Continental Can Company gave the church and parsonage to the United Methodist Church. Two years later, the Hodge United Methodist Church built a new sanctuary and education building.

How to Get There:

Go to Hodge (just north of Jonesboro on Hwy 167). Turn west onto West Pine. Then turn left on South 3rd. Then turn right onto West Central. The church is on the right, with the cemetery in the back.



Holly Ridge United Methodist Church



City	Holly Ridge
Address	Hwy. 183
Membership	19
Founded	1949

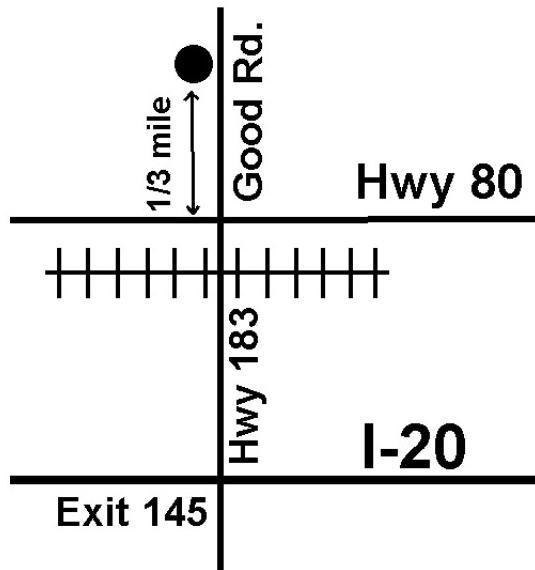
At the time of its beginning in September 1949, the fledgling congregation met at the school under the leadership of Rev. Earl B. Emmerich. The first church was constructed with a \$20,000 donation (though more had to be contributed to finish the building) by Mr. George B. Franklin, Sr. and Mr. Jesse E. Cochran. On March 16, 1952, the first building was dedicated in a service led by Bishop Paul E. Martin. Though it was a small community, with a post office, saw mill, gin, and a few grocery stores, the church was very active in those days.

The original church burned down on March 6, 1960. Only the organ, refrigerator, stove, two tables, and a few chairs were spared. Using the \$35,000 in insurance money, a new structure was soon built and was dedicated on December 15, 1963. A new sanctuary and the shell of an education wing had been built. The education wing was later completed.

Over the years, much of the area population has moved away or started worshipping at the Rayville church. The church still worships with its small but faithful congregation.

How to Get There:

Take exit 145 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 183. The church on the left, about 1/3 mile past the Hwy 80 intersection.



Hope United Methodist Church



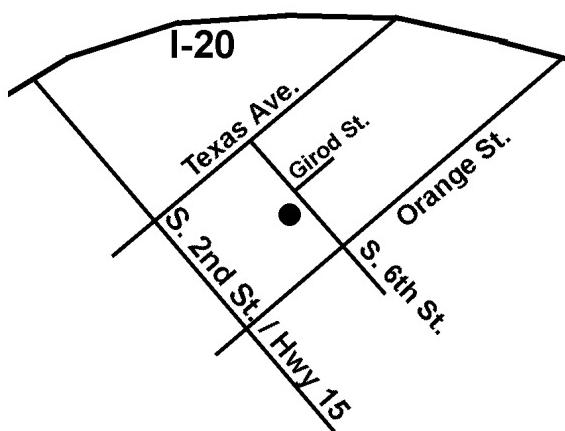
City	Monroe
Address	700 South 6 th St.
Membership	117
Founded	1993

In the early 1990s, the Monroe District determined that there was a need for a church in south Monroe. Rev. Larry Martin was appointed in June 1993 to start a church. Starting with ten people, services were held at the chapel at Northeast. The first gathering of eight people was a Bible study on June 27, 1993.

On December 18, 1993, a former Baptist church at 700 South 6th Street was purchased and renovated. After a meeting, the name “Hope” was picked for the new church. The consecration took place on January 23, 1994. On September 18, 1994, the church was finally organized with 35 charter members (plus 10 more added by the end of the year). By October 15, 1995, the debt had been paid off.

How to Get There:

Exit I-20 at Texas Ave. From Texas Ave., turn south on S. 6th St. and the church will be on the right, just past Girod.



Indian Village United Methodist Church



City	Indian Village
Address	Hwy 144
Membership	21
Founded	

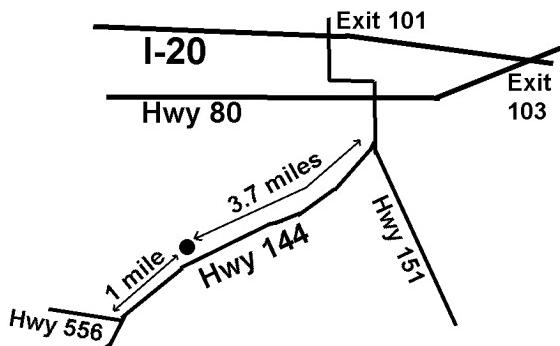
The church property originally belonged to Chief Tusquahoma and his Choctaw tribe, being part of four square miles granted to them by the Spanish government. When they left the area, they sold it to Stephen W. Maddox on January 10, 1820 for \$600. A copy of that deed is located in the church.

The church itself is believed to have started when Lewis Griggs moved his family from Alabama to Louisiana in 1860. He is thought to have founded the church after his arrival in the area. The current church building was constructed around 1932. Longtime members recall having revivals lasting as long as two weeks in those early days. The Bible classes were held outdoors under the oaks.

Source: A Family History, Nell Bryan Griggs

How to Get There:

Take exit 101 from I-20, head south on Hwy 151, and then turn right onto Hwy 144 (just after the RR tracks) towards Eros. The church is 1.7 miles down Hwy 144 (about 6 miles north of Eros). The church and cemetery are on the right side of the road.



Jonesboro United Methodist Church



City	Jonesboro
Address	402 Fourth St.
Membership	283
Founded	1902



1905-1941

Two Methodist churches were founded in Jonesboro in 1902. One was Methodist Protestant and the other was Methodist Episcopal, South. The Methodist Protestant church built its first building in 1902 on the corner of South Allen and Seventh. The land was given to the church in June 1902 by J.S. Cargile. The church was rebuilt in 1932.

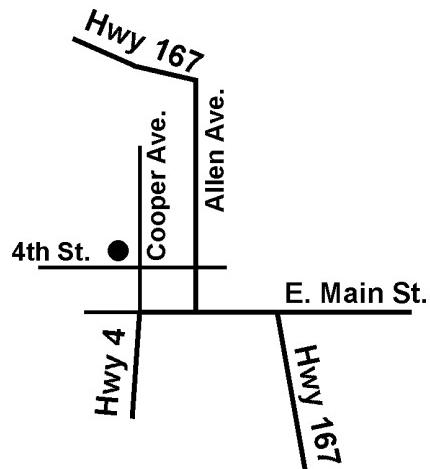
The Methodist Episcopal, South church had ten charter members. They were led by Rev. M.H. Honeycutt. They first built a parsonage (1903) and then a church (1905). The church was located on the corner of Fourth and Cooper.

One year after the merger of three branches of Methodism, the two Jonesboro churches merged. Dr. D.B. Rawlings led the ceremony on October 27, 1940. The funds from the sale of the Methodist Protestant church were used to help build a new church at the corner of Fourth and Cooper. A two-story education building, built on Cooper Avenue in 1941, was used for services during the construction of the new church. After seven months of construction, at a cost of \$75,000, the first service in the new church was held on October 8, 1950. The education building was later turned into a fellowship hall.

A new parsonage costing \$40,000 was built on Cooper Avenue in 1959. A new education building costing \$118,000 was built on Fourth St. in December 1968. In September 1987, the former Rundell school property was purchased for \$27,855. This brought the total church property to five acres.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 167 (Bus) into town. Turn west from Allen Ave. onto Fourth St. The church is one block ahead at the corner of Fourth and Cooper Ave.



Kilbourne United Methodist Church



City	Kilbourne
Address	Hwy 585
Membership	102
Founded	

The first services were held by circuit riders under brush arbors around 1900. The first church roll was started in 1919. During cold weather, the congregation met in the school.

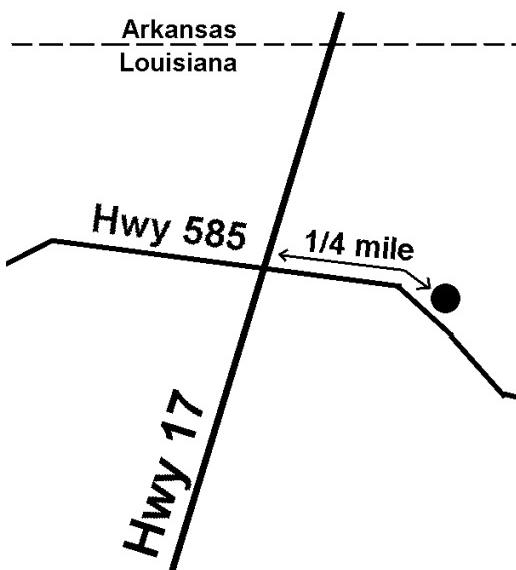
In 1927, the members purchased property for \$100. Two buildings were purchased at auction, moved to the site, and were joined together to make one larger building.

In 1947, a new structure was completed and painted white. It had a sanctuary and four classrooms. The church acquired its first parsonage in 1955, when it received its first full-time pastor..

The current church, built in 1973 was damaged by a 1976 tornado that destroyed the parsonage. Homecomings traditionally have been held the third Sunday in October.

How to Get There:

Take exit 153 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 17. Kilbourne is less than a mile from the Arkansas border. Upon reaching the town, turn right on Hwy 585. The church is about a quarter mile ahead on the left.



Lake Providence United Methodist Church



City	Lake Providence
Address	407 First St.
Membership	222
Founded	

Circuit riders probably stopped in Lake Providence at the beginning of the 19th century. Rev. John G. Jones mentions stopping at Lake Providence in 1826 with Ashley Hewitt. They stayed with Harbid Hood. Mr. Hood later offered to give Rev. Hewitt land and help him build a home if he'd serve as pastor. Rev. Hewitt was pastor of the Lake Providence charge by 1827.

In those days, meetings were held outdoors under brush arbors. In cold or inclement weather they moved indoors to the schoolhouse. On December 22, 1932, Mr. Hood donated land to the church and the Pecan Grove Church was built along the Mississippi River east of Alsatia, LA. Church history notes that Lorenzo Dow was one of the preachers that served the area.

In 1855, Methodists and Presbyterians formed the Pecan Grove Corporation to build a church to share on alternate Sundays.

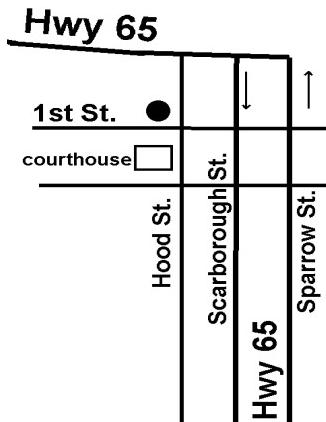
On December 29, 1872, the church bought an existing structure on Sparrow Street in town for \$600. It was nicknamed the "Meat Market Church" and "the Little Church around the Corner." The pastor at that time was Rev. R.S. Tippet. The Lake Street Church property was bought for \$140 in 1887.

Mrs. Emma Saint Ingram donated her home and property at the corner of Hood and First Streets in her will (September 23, 1890). Her house was used as the parsonage, and a new Lake Providence Methodist Episcopal Church, South was built on the property under the leadership of Rev. T.S. Randle. Dedicated in May 1904 by Bishop Murray, it was a white, Victorian-style frame building. This church was used until 1962. When it was taken down, its stained glass windows and altar rails were used in the new church.

The current red brick church held its first service on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963. Construction also included an education building and fellowship hall. The cornerstone was laid by Bishop Walton on August 11, 1963. Rev. George York was pastor at that time. The facilities enclose a grass courtyard that contains a large bell that used to reside at the Willow Point Plantation in Alsatia, LA in 1827. The church acquired it in 1865 and placed it in the Lake Street Church in 1887.

How to Get There:

Head to Lake Providence on Hwy 65. If coming from the north, turn right on Hood St. Turn right on First St. and the church will be on the right. If coming from the south, turn left on First Street and the church is 2 blocks ahead on the right.



Lawson Chapel United Methodist Church



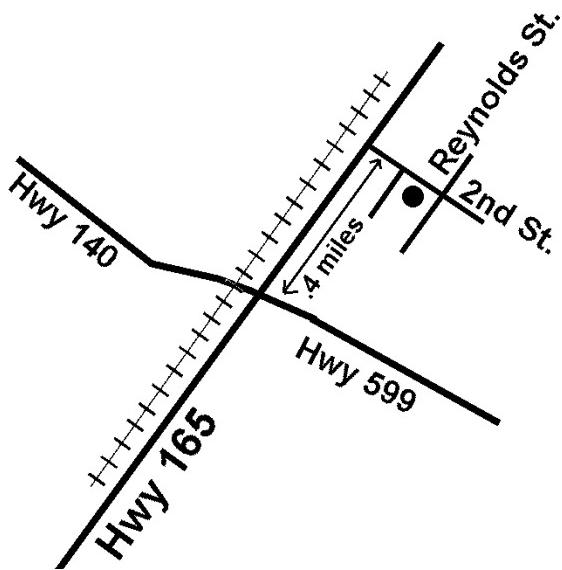
City	Bonita
Address	2 nd St.
Membership	16
Founded	



1967

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 165 out of Bastrop. The highway turns to the left (north) in Mer Rouge. Continue on to Bonita. You'll turn right on 2nd St. 0.4 miles past the Hwy 140/599 intersection. The church is on the right.



Lea Joyner Memorial United Methodist Church



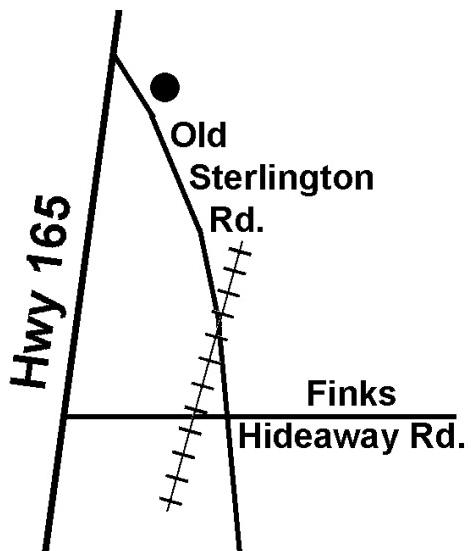
City	Monroe
Address	4390 Old Sterlington Rd.
Membership	1195
Founded	1952

The congregation began in 1952 after the Bishop linked three mission churches (Gibson's Chapel, North Grand, South Grand) and Fairbanks Church north of Monroe. Rev. Lea Joyner was appointed as its pastor. She had been serving at a nearby church, but the new pastor didn't want a woman as an assistant. Instead of returning to teaching, Rev. Joyner took on the task of starting a new church on the south side of Monroe.. Three lots were acquired at Temple Drive and South 4th and South 5th Streets. The Bishop gave her half of the \$10,000 start-up money and work began on the Southside Methodist Church.

After Rev. Joyner's tragic death in 1985, Rev. Joe Solomon ... himself a longtime member of Southside ... was appointed to the church. The church was renamed after Rev. Joyner at that time. In January 1992, the church relocated to Old Sterlington Road. The current church was constructed on that site. The mission statement adopted by the church is "To know Jesus and to make Him known." The church has licensed 48 men and women to preach since 1952.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 165 out of Monroe. Turn right (east) on Finks Hideaway Rd. After 0.4 miles, turn left on Old Sterlington Rd. The church is 0.6 miles ahead on the right.



Lisbon United Methodist Church



City	Lisbon
Address	20048 Hwy 2
Membership	52
Founded	

In April of 1849, a Methodist Society was organized at the home of Thomas B. Wafer, located about one and a half miles from Lisbon. The first services were held in the home and, in the summer, under a brush arbor at a campground. The preacher at that time was Rev. D.S. Watkins. The campground was located three miles east of Lisbon on the Dubach road across from the modern Clairborne Gasoline plant. The congregation was first known as Providence Church, changing its name to Lisbourn Church in 1853. The name became Lisbon in 1855.

When the Wafers left the area, services were moved to the local schoolhouse. Pews consisted of backless benches. The room was heated by a fireplace and lit by coal oil lamps. By 1865, the church had 313 white members and 90 black members. The church was incorporated in 1870.

On August 5, 1871, James McClendon gave the church three acres of land on which to build a church and a cemetery. In 1872, David A.J. Carathers built a one room church on the site. It had glass windows bordered by green shutters. The church had two Amen corners (benches at each side at the front of the church). A three foot tall partition ran down the center of the church. Males sat on the north side and females sat on the south side of the church. This church was located slightly northwest of the present church.

On April 1, 1893, the church bought eleven acres of land and built a parsonage on the property. Much of the eleven acres was later sold. Another piece of land was bought on October 2, 1937 and a new parsonage built in 1937-38 under the leadership of Rev. Otis W. Spinks.

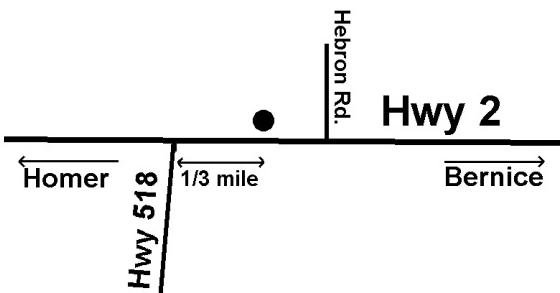
On November 14, 1927, the congregation decided to build their third sanctuary and voted to borrow \$900. In 1926-27, the church was moved several feet to its present location. A sanctuary was added on to the church and stained glass windows were installed. The pulpit, choir loft, and classrooms at the side are part of the old church. Rev. S.J. Starkey was pastor at this time.

Improvements have continued over the years. Ceiling fans and gas heaters were installed in the late 1930s. A lighted cross was installed. Air conditioning was added in 1976.

In 1944, a house (given by Harmon Patton) was moved behind the church and used for classrooms and recreation. It was sold under the leadership of Rev. Jeff P. Paul to the Sharon Baptist Church for \$1000 and a new education building was constructed in 1954. The sanctuary was also remodeled at that time. In 1972 Miss Verne Morrow left the church 77.5 acres of land in her will.

How to Get There:

Head north to Homer from Minden on Hwy 79. Turn right on Hwy 2 and head east to Lisbon. The church is about 1/3 mile past Hwy 518 (on the right). The church and cemetery are on the left side of Hwy 2, just before the fire station.



Little Creek United Methodist Church



City	Mangham
Address	Hwy 15
Membership	36
Founded	1853

Black and white settlers in the Archibald and Alto areas came together in 1853 to start the Little Creek church. As trees were cut down to build the homes and farms in the area, they were used in the construction of the first church.

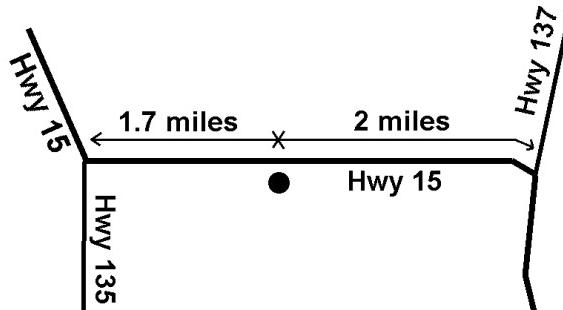
After a period of time, the white membership left the building and worshipped with the Alto Presbyterian Church. The black membership stayed at Little Creek. They worshipped like this for 24 years.

After a number of years, cypress was floated down the river from Lindlow Break and a new church was built on the west bank of Little Creek. The altar and chancel rail was hand-carved with a pocket knife by a local young man. It was lit by kerosene lamps and heated by a log-type heater. In the 1920s, electricity was installed.

The current red brick facility was built in 1955. It includes classrooms, a kitchenette, and a recreation/dining hall. The sanctuary used the original altar and pulpit furnishings. New pews were added in 1956.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 15 south from Monroe. Continue left on Hwy 15 in Alto (where Hwy 135 continues straight to the south). The church and cemetery are 2.7 miles past the turn on the right. It is 2 miles to the west of where Hwy 15 hits Hwy 137 and turns right.



Locust Grove United Methodist Church



City	Oak Grove
Address	Old Kilbourne Rd.
Membership	61
Founded	1931

The first services were held by circuit riders in the local schoolhouse at Locust Grove “Pulltight” (as it was then known). One of the pastors at that time (early 1900s) was Rev. Taylor. His pay was a small amount of money and some food.

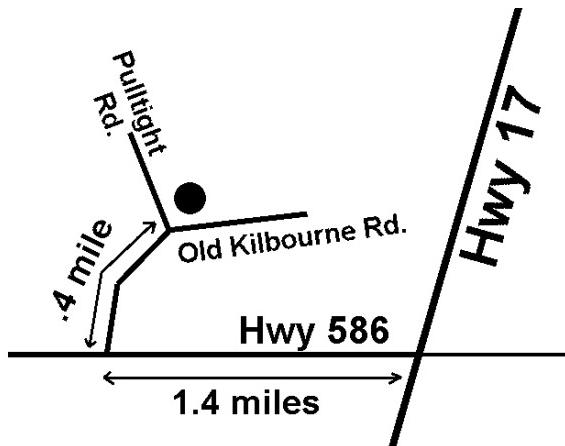
In 1931, a brush arbor was built for services. Rev. Bozeman began plans to build a church. Land was donated to the church by Jeff Bolding. Using donated wood, the church was built by the congregation. Volunteers cut the logs and took them to Harry Shrell’s mill at Terry to be cut. Cypress shingles were cut for the roof. Funds for the church came from cake walks, box suppers, and donations. After taking time out to harvest crops, the church was completed by October 1931.

Attendance dropped during WW2. Sometimes only Ada Bolding and Effie Bolding were the only ones in the worship service. Attendance later rose and Rev. Rose Caruthers led the church in building a new church (1966-68).

Under the leadership of Rev. Joe Solomon, land was bought from Clifford Bolding in 1975 and a fellowship hall was added in 1979. The charge shares a parsonage with the Kilbourne church. Homecomings held each year began in 1988.

How to Get There:

Take exit 153 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 17. About 4 miles north of Oak Grove, turn left (west) on Hwy 586 (O’Neal Rd. is to the right). Turn right on Old Kilbourne Rd. after 1.4 miles. The church is 0.4 miles ahead on the left, just past Pulltight Rd.



Mangham United Methodist Church



City	Mangham
Address	508 Main St.
Membership	160
Founded	1903

The church was organized in the fall of 1903. Rev. Brown arrived in town with a shot gun and a suit case. He got permission from two Baptists to hold evening services at the Baptist church. When another member of that church heard that a Methodist preacher would be holding services, he put out the fire in the heater and locked the door. So the Methodist pastor began holding services at the schoolhouse.

A congregation soon formed. On November 15, 1904, Mr. R.S. Hardesty and Mr. J.G. McCormick donated a lot and a church was built. The first preacher assigned to the church was Rev. W.H. Hatfield in December 1905.

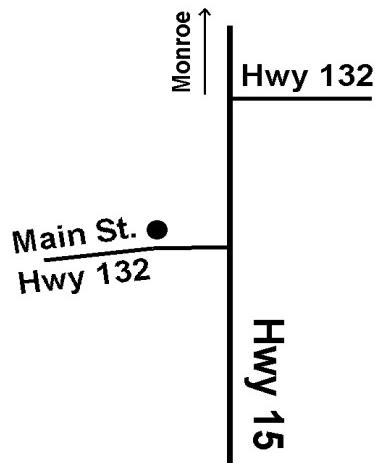
A 1928 storm caused the church to lean to one side. The church members propped it up with poles. A few months later, another storm caused the church to lean in the opposite direction. The congregation decided to move the church. They did so, and the church opened at its current site on July 29, 1938.

Under the leadership of Rev. Lael Jones, the Fred Jones Fellowship Hall was built behind the church. It opened on December 14, 1958.

A lighted steeple was added to the church in January 2003. It was given in memory of Ervin and Mary Reeves by Frank & Anna Etier and Johnnie & Lorraine Etier.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 15 out of Monroe. Upon reaching the Mangham community, turn right (west) onto Hwy 132 (Main St.). The church is 1/5 mile ahead on the right.



Marion United Methodist Church



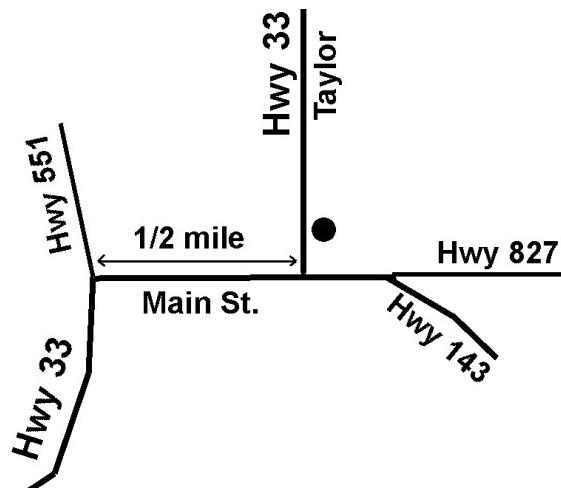
City	Marion
Address	Taylor St.
Membership	33
Founded	1891

In the 1850s, a Methodist Society began meeting at the Bell Academy. A church building wasn't constructed until about four decades later. The minutes from the first church conference are dated July 18, 1891. The pastor at that time was Rev. W.J. Porter, who reported an encouraging spiritual condition on the circuit at that time..

A new church was built about 1929 at the current location. The original church's pulpit, windows, and chancel rail were used in the new structure. A fellowship hall was later constructed and was enlarged in 1963.

How to Get There:

Take exit 86 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 33. Pass through Farmerville and continue on to Marion. Hwy 33 turns to the right (Main St.) Stay on Hwy 33, which turns to the left (Taylor St.). The church will be on the right.



McGuire United Methodist Church



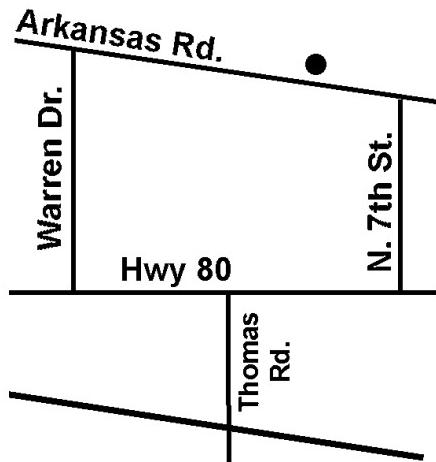
City	West Monroe
Address	1200 Arkansas Road
Membership	470
Founded	1949

After determining that there was a need for a Methodist church in that area of town, they sponsored the formation of a new congregation in 1949. A temporary church was acquired in that year and a parsonage the following year. In 1952, the first permanent church was completed. A fellowship hall and education building followed soon after in 1955. After a second parsonage in 1973, the current parsonage is the third one to be used.

The sanctuary was renovated in 1979. The year 1980 saw the addition of a Christian Life Center. In 1999, property was acquired a mile and half west of the church on Arkansas Road for the construction of new facilities.

How to Get There:

Take Exit 114 from I-20. Go north to Hwy 80, then right, then left on N. 7th St., and then left on Arkansas Rd. (Hwy 616). The church will be on the right.



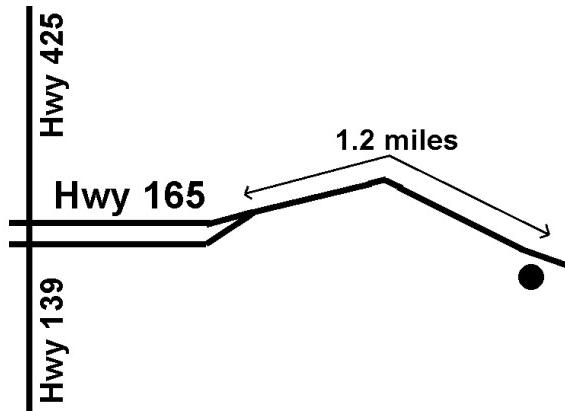
Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Bastrop
Address	2202 E. Madison Ave.
Membership	65
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head east on Hwy 165 from Bastrop. From Hwy 139/425, you'll go 3 miles east (1.2 miles past the point where Madison and Jefferson join) and the church will be on the right.



Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Monroe
Address	401 Sherrouse
Membership	200
Founded	1945

Rev. W.C. Mason (of the Gordon Avenue Methodist Church) and D.S. Rev. H.M. Johnson led a group of laypersons that thought a church was needed in a growing area of Monroe. An organizational meeting was held by the two ministers and seventeen laypersons in March of 1945. Rev. Mason began holding services at the Sherrouse elementary school. The name "Memorial" was proposed by Fred Willis and it was approved.

By September 1, the new congregation had 68 charter members. Three adjacent lots were purchased on Sherrouse Avenue. In the summer of 1946, the church got its first full-time pastor when Rev. George Pearce agreed to come over from Alexandria. A parsonage was soon acquired at 215 Bell Street. Work began on a two-story brick education building by November 1947 and the cornerstone was laid on February 8, 1948. During Rev. Pearce's three years at Memorial, the membership rose to almost 500.

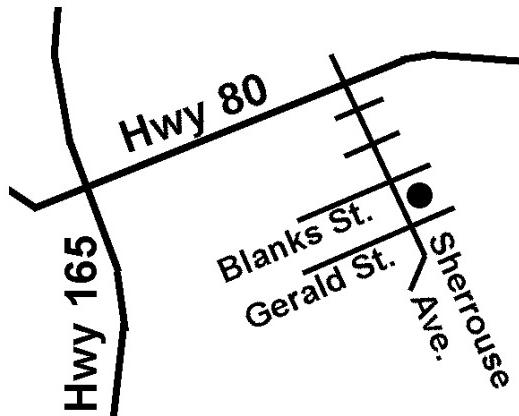
The original parsonage was sold in 1951 and a home on the same block as the church was purchased. After the purchase of two more lots and a donation from the real estate company, the church owned the entire block.

In 1953, fundraising began towards a new sanctuary. The new church was constructed in 1955-56 under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Cain. It's first service was held on April 22, 1956. Since several items were excluded from the building contract to keep it under budget, additional work and items (such as air conditioning) were added afterwards. In 1970, the parking area was paved.

Source: Out of the Past, Quadricentennial Anniversary

How to Get There:

From Hwy 165 in Monroe, head east on Hwy 80 (DeSiard). After about half a mile, turn right on Sherrouse. The church is 3 blocks ahead on the left.



Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Simsboro
Address	9325 Hwy. 80
Membership	80
Founded	1889

The Simsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, South began in 1889 by sharing a building with the Baptists. Then they used the school for services. At the dawn of the 20th century, Mrs. Betty Sims donated property on the southwest corner of the school property. The church was built in 1904.

After a couple of decades, the church began a fund to put a new roof on the church. But when the Bank of Simsboro failed in the early 1930s, the money was lost. By the time more money had been raised for the roof, the interior was badly in need of repairs as well. So the church was torn down in 1937 and relocated to the southeast corner of the same block. Construction began on the new church in 1938. The church was dedicated on April 2, 1940.

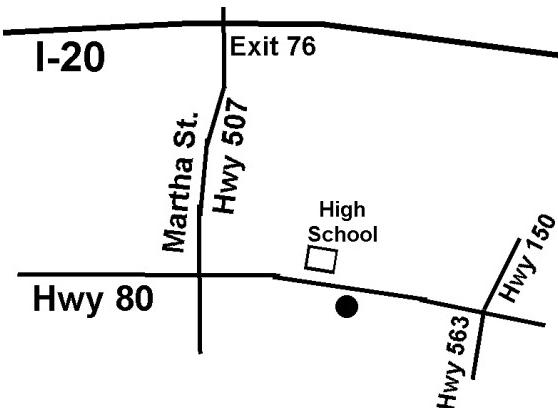
Since then, many improvements have been made to the structure. These include enlarging the entrance, bricking the exterior, adding a fellowship hall (with a kitchen), carpeting, new sanctuary furnishings, new flooring and paneling in the classrooms, a PA system, and carillons.

In 1970, two acres of land were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook. Another acre next to those two was donated in 1987 by Mr. and Mrs. Ragan Maden. When the school board bought the church lot in December 1991, plans were made to move the church to the three acres acquired in 1970 & 1987. The new location was on the south side of Highway 80, just to the east of the former property.

As they began at the new location, the church was renamed Memorial in 1992. The church was moved to the new location on April 27, 1992. The congregation decided to remodel it as an education building, so from March 22, 1992 to October 11, 1993 they worshiped at the Simsboro school. With the help of the Downsville church, they worked on the facilities every Saturday. The first service in the remodeled fellowship hall was on October 17, 1993. Work began on a new sanctuary on July 26, 1995. Once the narthex was completed, services moved there on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1996. Services moved into the sanctuary once it had been completed.

How to Get There:

Take exit 76 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 507 (Martha St.). Turn left (east) on Hwy 80 at the flashing light. The church is on the right side of the highway, 2 blocks east of Martha St.



Mer Rouge United Methodist Church



City	Mer Rouge
Address	11 th St.
Membership	90
Founded	1893

The Prairie Mer Rouge Methodist Episcopal Church was first organized by twenty people under the guidance of Loolah McLaurin. They met at the Sisson School on the Oak Ridge Road, three and a half miles south of Mer Rouge. Ms. McLaurin later moved the school (she was the principal) to Mer Rouge. A Ladies Aid Society was formed and led in raising the funds for a church. The first structure was completed in 1893. The preacher from Oak Ridge would visit the congregation to conduct services. In 1901, Mer Rouge built their own parsonage.

In 1940-41, the Trinity Methodist Church building in Ruston was set to be torn down. "Miss Gertie" White led a delegation from Mer Rouge to speak to Mr. B.H. Rainwater, who had purchased the Trinity church structure. They made a deal to acquire the Kilgen pipe organ, the stained glass windows, and the pews. After months of remodeling work, the newly acquired materials were installed in the Mer Rouge church.

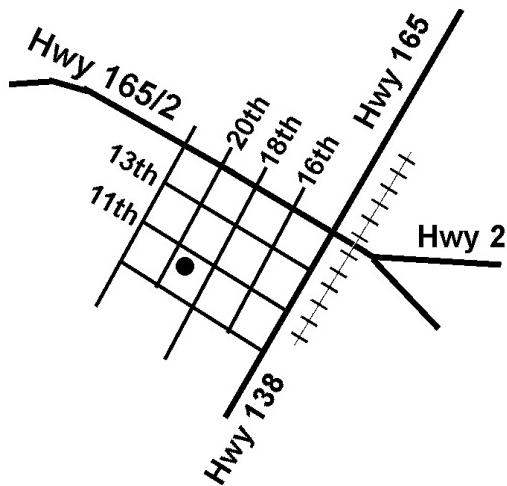
Not long after the renovation of the sanctuary, an education building was constructed on the east side of the church. The debts from its construction were paid off in two years.

In 1975, the membership of the Bonne Idee church merged with Mer Rouge on a special "Bonne Idee Day." The Bonne Idee church had been organized in 1914.

Source: Centennial Celebration, Warren White

How to Get There:

Head east to Mer Rouge from Bastrop on Hwy 2/165. In Mer Rouge, turn right on 20th Street. After a couple of blocks, turn left on 11th St. The church is on the right.



First United Methodist Church - Monroe

City	Monroe
Address	3900 Loop Road
Membership	1436
Founded	



The first Methodist society was organized in Monroe in 1826. Circuit riders were assigned to visit Monroe and nearby charges in that time. In 1853, a Union church was built for the Protestant congregations. Each of them used the church for one Sunday per month. The upper floor was used for Masonic lodge meetings.

It was noted in the local paper that the church was painted and repaired in 1866.

On November 14, 1869, the Nolley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, South was incorporated under the leadership of Rev. R.S. Trippett. Land was purchased on the corner of Jackson and Grammont Streets the following month (December 4). Rev. Trippett's successor, Rev. Charles N. Evans, was pastor when Nolley Chapel built a brick church. While the church was still being completed, a school for Protestant girls began on January 14, 1871. The following year, the Union church burned down. In 1876, the church collapsed under the weight of a 13" snowfall. The church returned the building materials and the lot and the congregation was without a church. In 1878, another lot was bought for \$500 and donated to the church. Rev. P.H. Moss led the congregation in building a new church.

The decision to relocate downtown began under the leadership of Rev. E.N. Evans in the late 1890s. Dr. James Lovick Pierce was pastor at the time of the completion of the new brick church in 1899.

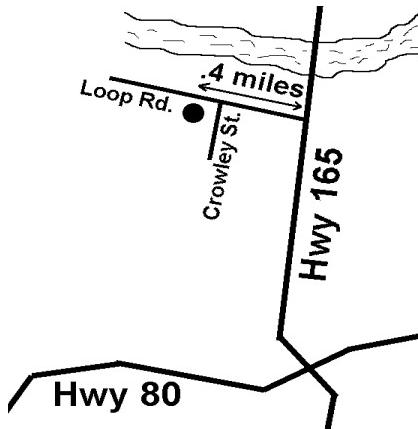
In the 1950s, Rev. George M. Pomeroy began the drive for a new church, since the downtown area was in decline. The first building constructed, the fellowship hall, was used as a sanctuary for ten years. An education building was constructed a few years after.

The current sanctuary was built in 1980 under the leadership of Rev. Odell Simmons. The stained glass windows depict Old and New Testament principles. A pipe organ was added in the 1990s. The sanctuary's mortgage was paid off in June 1997.

Source: FUMC Monroe Church Directory

How to Get There:

From Hwy 165, about a mile north of Hwy 80, take Loop Rd. to the west. The church is less than half a mile ahead on the left.



Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church

City	Perryville
Address	517 New Monroe Rd.
Membership	32
Founded	



At its beginning, services were held in a community building shared by different denominations. As the years went on, it was used only by Methodists.

The early church building, made of logs, faced the cemetery and was used as a school during the week.

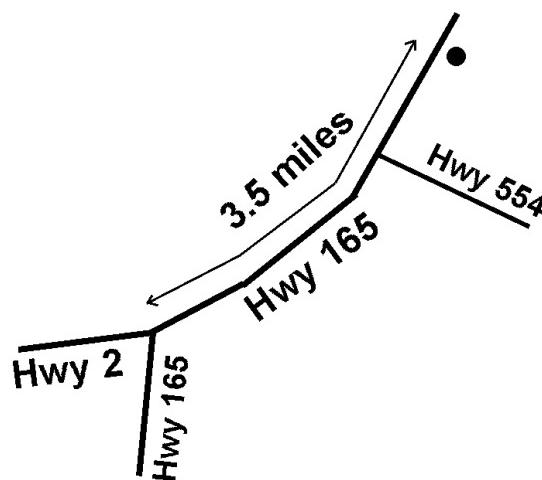
The first Methodist preacher on record as preaching there was Rev. Gaines H. Smith. He is buried in the church cemetery.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South had organized a church by 1886. Since the records of 1887 show no church, that may have been the time when the second church was built. The land for a union church had previously been donated by David W. Green. In 1899, the Methodist Protestant Church organized a congregation at Mt. Nebo. By 1904, that congregation had grown so large that another congregation (Bethel) was formed a few miles away. For the first few decades of the 20th century, Bethel and Mt. Nebo were on the same circuit. In the mid 1900s, they were added to the Downsville circuit.

Though the church closed its doors in 2000, it restarted a few years later in a new location.

How to Get There:

Take US Hwy 165 toward Bastrop. After passing the Hwy 2 intersection (to the left), go 3.5 miles. Mt Nebo is located on the right-hand side of the highway.



Mt. Olive United Methodist Church

City	Bastrop
Address	239 Pruett St.
Membership	109
Founded	1874



Rev. Austin Jones organized the church in 1874. The first services were held at a blacksmith shop on the corner of Pine and Vine Streets. The church later bought a lot on the corner of Pruett and Welch Streets from Robert B. Traylor for \$50.

The church was rebuilt in 1896, under the leadership of Rev. P.W. Clark. It was rebuilt again in 1911 under the leadership of Rev. S. Green. In those early years, the building served as a school during the week.

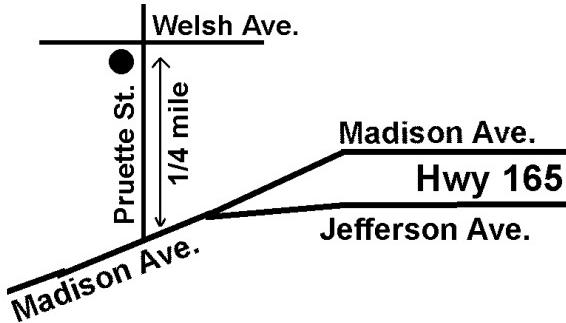
The wood church was replaced by a brick structure in 1950. Rev. D.L. Davidson held services at the St. Mary C.M.E. Church during construction. Dr. I. Scott Allen gave the message at the dedication service in July of 1957.

A new parsonage was built in 1966 under the leadership of Rev. George W.C. Calvin. The dedication service for the parsonage took place on April 25, 1976 under the leadership of Rev. R.S. Murray.

A bus was purchased and the windows replaced under the leadership of Rev. S. Charles Byrd. In the late 1990s, Rev. Johnny M. Riley, Jr. led the church in a total renovation of the facilities.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 165 in Bastrop, just to the west of the point where W. Madison splits into W. Madison and W. Jefferson, turn north on Pruett St. The church is a quarter mile ahead on the left.



Mt. Sinai United Methodist Church



City	Sterlington
Address	101 Third St.
Membership	35
Founded	1860s

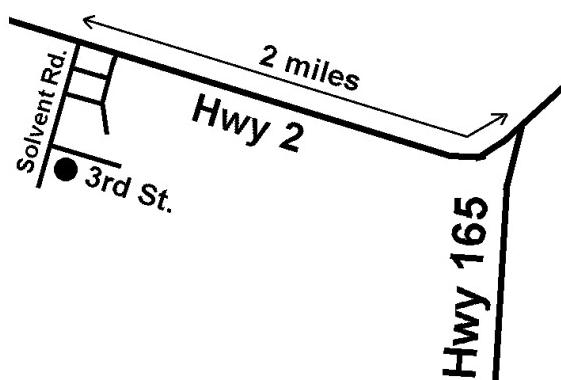
The Mt. Sinai church was established in the 1860s. It was in existence when the Bailey, Lowe, and Paster families moved to the area from Macon County, GA. While Rev. T.H. Harris was pastor in 1929, the church burned down. Services were held in the Masonic Hall until the church was rebuilt in 1935. The pastor at that time was Rev. T.J. Bridgett.

In the 1950s, most of the members had relocated to the Davis Lowe subdivision. So in 1958, the church was dismantled. Since the new location was quite a distance away, the congregation decided to buy the old Sterlington Bank building to use for services. While the building was renovated for use as a church, services were again held in the Masonic Hall. The pastor at that time was Rev. F.W. Thomas. The new church facility was dedicated in November 1959.

After the building was damaged by a chemical explosion in Sterlington on May 1, 1991, Rev. Dan Bryant led the church in repairs to the structure.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 165 from Monroe. Turn left (west) on Hwy 2 towards Sterlington. Turn left on Solvent Rd. Go to 3rd St. and turn left. The church is on the right.



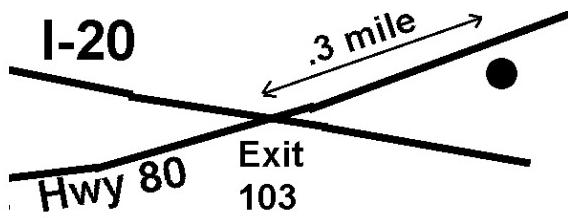
Mount Zion United Methodist Church



City	Calhoun
Address	Calhoun School Rd.
Membership	151
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take exit 103 from I-20 and head east on Hwy 80 for 0.3 miles. The church is on the right.



New Hope United Methodist Church



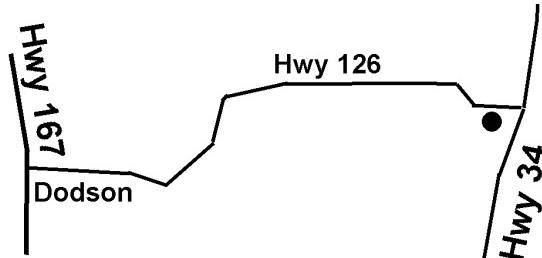
City	Dodson
Address	Hwy 176
Membership	16
Founded	1863

When the church was organized in 1863, a name was chosen to reflect the post-Civil War feeling. The original location was in the Gaar's Mill community near Winnfield.

The current church building was given by Edwin Gaar. It had been the auditorium of the Gaars Mill School. When the school closed, Mr. Gaar had the building moved to the current site.

How to Get There:

Head to Dodson on Hwy 167 (midway between Jonesboro and Winnfield). Turn east at the flashing light onto 126 (E. Stovall St.) and go 5 miles. The church and cemetery are on the right just before Hwy 34.



Newellton Union Church



City	Newellton
Address	306 South Main St.
Membership	63
Founded	1890

In 1890, the Newellton Union Church was formed to “mold the lives of the people of Newellton into Christian Character.” When Presbyterian ministers J.S. Hillhouse and F.L. McCue visited the town in 1889, they held services in private homes and urged the citizens to form a church. On June 10, 1890, the Tensas First Presbyterian Church was organized.

The first church was built upon land donated by Mr. Isadore Newman of New Orleans. Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish congregations used the facility. Each had a box of its denominations religious symbols that would be taken out and used for their respective services.

Sometime between 1913 and 1920, the church was disposed of. It is now located on Hwy. 608 northeast of Newellton where the road turns east along the levee. By 1920, they were using the current church building. By that time, it seems that Methodists were also using the church for services. But over the years, the separate congregations remained small and regular preachers weren’t assigned to Newellton.

On November 11, 1928, they met together to organize the denominations (Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian Church) into a single Union church and hire a full-time pastor. In March 1929, Rev. L.L. Lemon from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) started his service. He was followed by a Methodist pastor, Rev. Otis Spinks, in 1930. The Baptists left the Union church to form their own church in 1935.

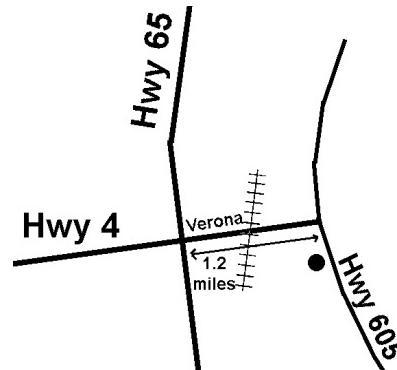
The church continued to grow and needed larger facilities by the mid 1930s. The current sanctuary was built in 1937. Additional property was purchased in 1950, bringing the church’s total to 2.3 acres of land. After adding a new steeple in 1966, an education building was constructed and dedicated in 1967. Bishop Aubrey Walton led the service. A parsonage was acquired in 1974.

As it looked for a new pastor in 1989, the church found out that they had never officially aligned themselves with either the United Methodist or Presbyterian Church. An agreement was made and signed by Bishop Oden and the church. The members do not belong specifically to the United Methodist or Presbyterian Churches, but are members of the Newellton Union Church. The total membership number is divided in two and half are counted as United Methodist and half as Presbyterians (for statistical purposes). United Methodist and Presbyterian ministers alternate approximately every eight years. The first minister under this agreement was United Methodist pastor Kenneth Graham in 1989.

Source: Newellton 100th Anniversary booklet

How to Get There:

Head to Newellton on Hwy 65 or Hwy 4 from the west. Take Hwy 4 east (Verona St.) at the Hwy 65/4 intersection. After 1.2 miles, turn right on S. Main St. (Hwy 605). The church is 1/6 miles ahead on the left.



Oak Grove United Methodist Church



City	Oak Grove
Address	S. Horner & Marietta
Membership	142
Founded	1873

The church was organized in 1873. The first services were held in a building that was located on the present Oak Grove cemetery site. That building was a community building that was used for school and other activities.

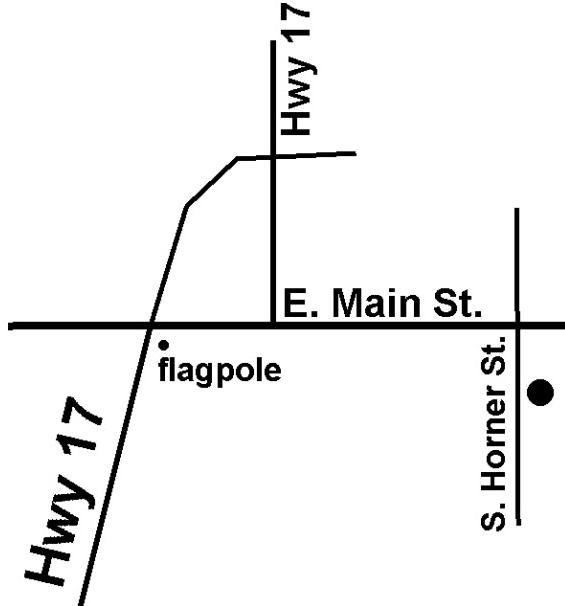
In 1896, I.E. Moore donated an acre of land to the church. A church was soon built on that site, located in Old Town. In 1913, the church bought a lot on Jefferson Street. The church building was put on timbers and the men led mules in pulling it to the new site.

In 1917, a storm destroyed the church. A rumor had it that a traveling evangelist said that the residents of Oak Grove were so sinful that the church should have been destroyed. A new building was constructed by 1921 at the Jefferson Street location.

In November 1950, the church bought land on Horner Street. A new facility was completed at the new site in 1951.

How to Get There:

Take exit 153 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 17. Upon arriving in Oak Grove, turn right (east) on Hwy 2 (E. Main St.). After 3 blocks, turn right on S. Horner St. The church is on the left.



Oak Ridge United Methodist Church



City	Oak Ridge
Address	S. Oak St.
Membership	91
Founded	1860

In the early 1800s, the Griffings and other families in the Prairie Jefferson area attended services given by circuit riders passing through.

In 1860, heirs of William Davis gave the Oak Ridge Church two acres of land on which to build a Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Records note that in 1864 the partially completed church was being used as a hospital for recovering soldiers. With the war over, \$2,500 was subscribed in 1866 to finish paying for the church. The completed church had two doors. There was a partition down the middle of the pews, with males sitting on one side and females on the other.

In 1878, a parsonage was built. N.S. Cornell brought lumber to the site in his buggy. The following year, the local post office changed its name from Point Jefferson to Oak Ridge.

In 1889, "Aunt Pony" Randle collected money for a church bell. The bell, which was picked up at Ion landing (Girard) on the Boeuf River, was housed separate from the church.

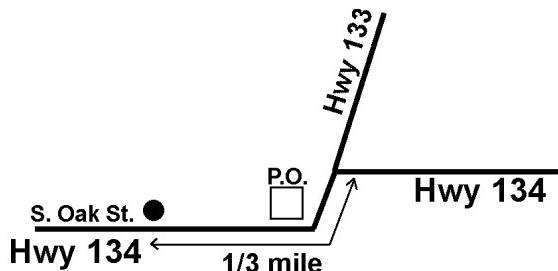
In 1906, a vestibule entrance with a belfry and one wide front door was built at the front of the church.

The old parsonage was torn down in 1926. A six-room parsonage was constructed in 1934 and dedicated by Bishop Hoyt Dobbs.

In 1951, the cornerstone was laid on the new education building. The following year, plans began on renovating the church. Renovations, completed by 1955, included lowering the ceiling, removing the center posts, and replacing classrooms at the entrance with a colonial gallery and columns. The dedication service was led by Bishop Paul Martin.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 80 in NE Monroe, take Hwy 139 north through Swartz. Turn right (east) onto Hwy 134. The church is on the left about 1/3 mile west of the post office.



Pioneer United Methodist Church



City	Pioneer
Address	Ash St.
Membership	35
Founded	1912

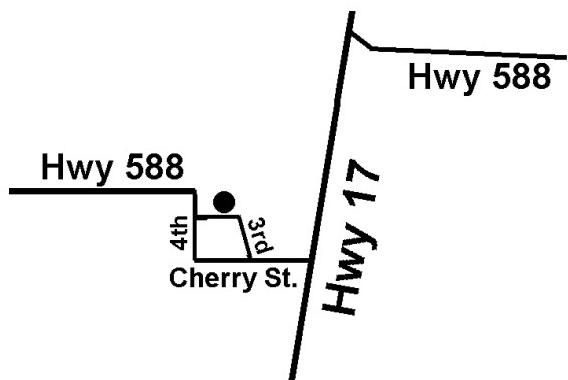
The church was organized in 1912. The Pioneer Methodist Episcopal Church, South was on a circuit with three other churches at that time. The first church was built of wood.

Land to the east of the original structure was donated to the church by the Vining estate. A new church was built on that property in 1965. It was dedicated in 1967.

Over the years, Pioneer has shared a circuit with Campbell, Epps, Floyd, Forest, Kilborne, and Oak Grove.

How to Get There:

Take exit 153 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 17. At Pioneer, turn left (west) onto Hwy 588 (Cherry St.). Turn right on 3rd St. and then left on Ash St. The church is on the right.



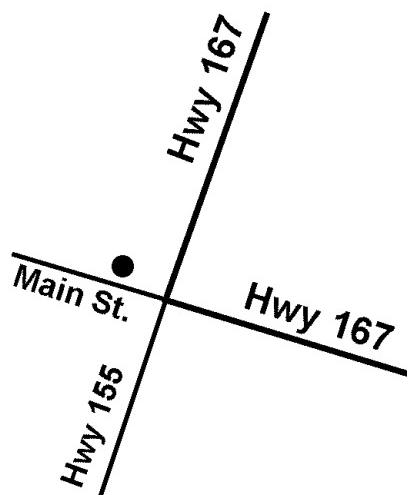
Quitman United Methodist Church



City	Quitman
Address	Main St.
Membership	69
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 167 south from Ruston to Quitman. Turn right at the flashing light where Hwy 167 turns to the left. The church is a couple of hundred yards ahead on Main St. (Hwy 110) on the right side of the road.



Rayville United Methodist Church



City	Rayville
Address	Louisa St.
Membership	343
Founded	1860

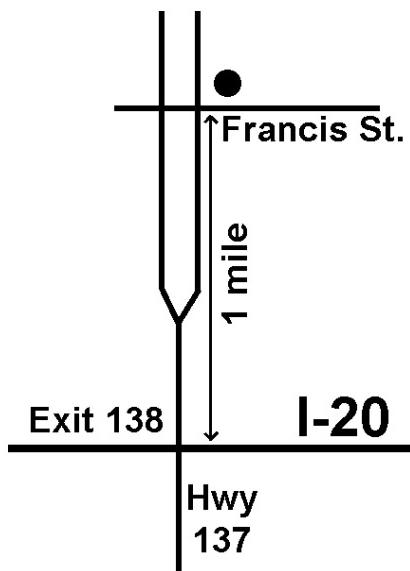
The first record of a pastor being assigned to the area was the appointment of Moses Davis to the Ion charge in February of 1858. The name was changed to the Richland charge in 1869. The town of Rayville wasn't organized until 1870.

Court records show that the Methodist church acquired three pieces of land in 1860: one in Girard, one in Jonesburg (just north of Rayville), and one at Horn Cemetery (one mile southwest of Rayville). A log structure called Horn Chapel was built on the land bought from John Horn for \$20. After the Civil War, the building was also used as a school. Services were held at the Union Lodge and Church Building after it was built in 1889. The first resident minister was Rev. S.H. Whatley in 1900.

In 1906, a new church was built under the leadership of Rev. J.R. Roy. That building later served as the social hall. Though the congregation wanted to build a new church in the 1920s, the depression caused a delay in the plans. Property was purchased behind the church. During Rev. Jack H. Midyett's tenure (1942-47), the church was moved back to the southeast corner of the property. Wings were added to provide classroom space. With funds donated by the Franklin family, a new parsonage was built and was dedicated on February 8, 1948. Bishop Paul Martin gave the message that day.

How to Get There:

Take exit 138 from I-20 and head north into Rayville on Hwy 137. One mile after the road splits, the church will be on the right after Francis St.



Reveille United Methodist Church



City	Monroe
Address	3909 Nutland Rd.
Membership	28
Founded	1969

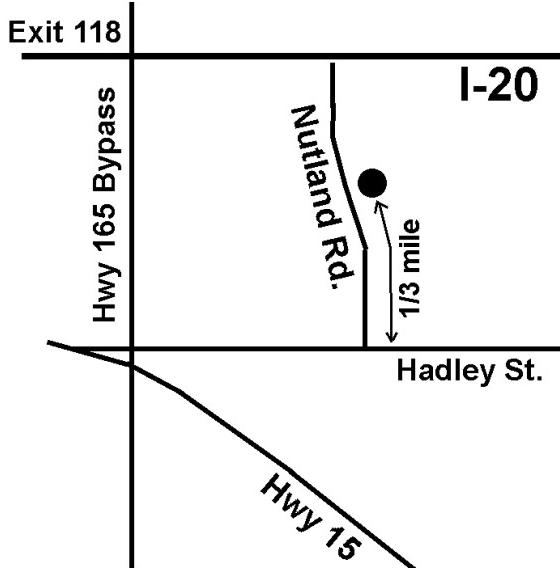
Services began on January 9, 1969 at the Ouachita parish Junior High School. Most of the charter members had formerly attended the Gordon Avenue Methodist Church. They voted to change their name and move to a better location in growing southeast Monroe. The new church was formerly organized by D.S. Rev. W.D. Boddie on May 19, 1969. The name Reveille means “to awaken, to arouse.” Banners in the sanctuary are inscribed with “Awake” and “Arise.”

The first appointed pastor was Rev. Karl B. Tooke. Under his leadership, the church was built on 4.5 acres of land along Nutland Road. Construction on the 3200 square foot church was completed in 1971. A 2400 square foot education building was added in 1974 under the leadership of Rev. Ray Spillers. The exteriors of both buildings are covered with a deep coral-colored redwood paneling. The debt on both buildings was retired on April 13, 1986 under the leadership of Rev. Gene Kimble.

Three members of the church ... Amos Price, Johnny Hankins, and Stuart Sherman ... have entered the ministry.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 165 by-pass, about a mile south of I-20, turn east on Hadley St. Take a left on Nutland Rd. The church is on the right after about 1/3 mile.



Salem United Methodist Church



City	West of Dubach
Address	11793 Hwy. 151
Membership	87
Founded	1859

Services began in the area with camp meetings, held twice a year. The church was organized in 1859. The trustees of the church bought forty acres of land from Reuben Phillips. The land was for a church and cemetery. It is assumed that the church was built that year.

The original church was dismantled in 1896 and a new one was built. The church remembers that as one of their driest years, with no rain received from April till October.

A third church was built in 1939 under the leadership of Rev. Huff. With the help of a rock mason from Gibsland, the walls were built of native iron ore rock collected from the surrounding land. Cement was mixed in a wood box and used to put the rocks in place. Even the children helped, though only with the rear of the walls since the cement couldn't be removed once it touched the rock surface. O.R. Singleton was skilled at picking the right rocks to fit into spaces.

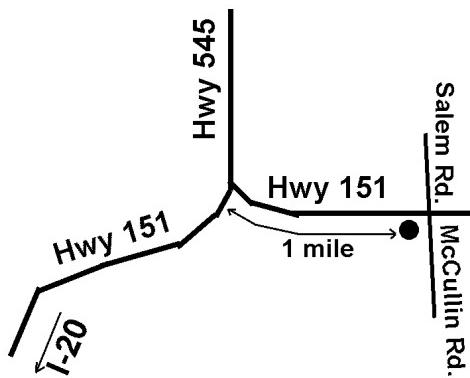
The church had two wood stoves. Older members got to sit nearer the stoves, with younger members in the back. The windows at the side and behind the pulpit were donated as memorials to early members. Water had to be brought from a well across the road on the Dye property.

The pulpit, pulpit chairs, and table given to the church were originally from the Trinity Church. The original pulpit and an old rock table are still at the church, left over from those early days.

The church was renovated in 1987. A fellowship hall was also added that year. In 1997, an education building was constructed. In 2000, services were held in the fellowship hall while the wooden floor was replaced with concrete. On November 10, 2000, a new steeple was added onto the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 69 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 151. When the road curves to the left to Hwy 545, continue to the right on Hwy 151 for a mile. The church and cemetery are on the right.



Sicily Island United Methodist Church



City	Sicily Island
Address	Newman Ave.
Membership	98
Founded	1860

In the second half of the 19th century, the area of present-day Sicily Island was served by the Pine Hill Church located about five miles away. That Methodist church had been built around 1860.

When a railroad came through the area, a town named Florence was formed in 1890. Its name was changed to Sicily Island in 1912. As the town grew, the Methodists wanted a church closer to home. H.M. Peniston donated an acre of land in 1893 so that a parsonage could be built. Two years later, Louis K. Hyde of Titusville, PA donated a lot on which to build a church.

At first, services were held in a school. Revivals were held between 1905 and 1908 by two preachers from Texas ... Sister Bartlett and Sister Pardue. The revivals helped to inspire people to organize and build the church.

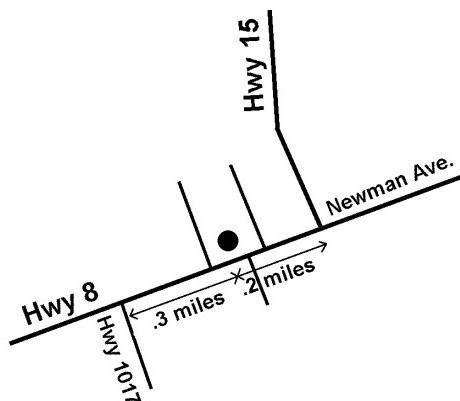
A pastor (Rev. S.S. Bogan) was assigned in 1908 and led seventy people in uniting with the church on November 21, 1909. The structure, which was the first church building in town, was completed by 1910. There were seventy members at that time. A parsonage was completed about 1912. Classrooms were added in 1945.

By 1962, the church had acquired five lots towards the front of the block. A new sanctuary was built and was completed by 1965. The previous sanctuary was used as an education building for about a decade. In 1975, a new education building was constructed. The rear half of the block was purchased in 1974. The church owned the complete block after the last two lots were donated to the church by Jeanette Saltzman Gremillion in 1988.

In 1995, construction began on the Darien Reid Bird Family Life Center. It was dedicated on April 29, 1996

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 15 south from Monroe to Sicily Island. Turn right on Hwy 8 and the church will be 0.2 miles ahead on the right.



St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



City	Sterlington
Address	143 Church St.
Membership	162
Founded	1961

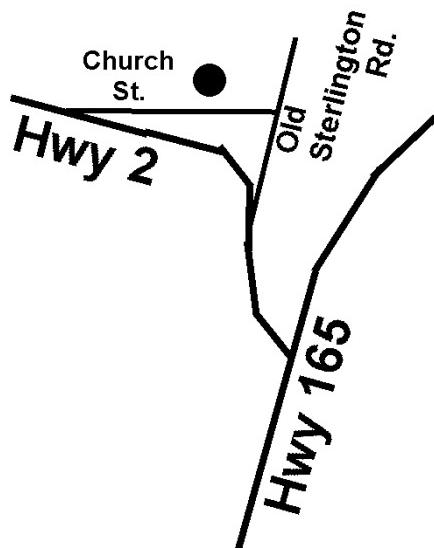
In the early 1900s, the people of the Fairbanks and Sterlington communities built a church in which to hold services. People of various denominations worshipped together in that one-room building. In 1920 the Southern Carbon Company build a new structure. Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians used the facility on alternate weeks. The Baptists left in 1946 and built their own church; and the Presbyterians left to build their own structure in 1959.

Lay leaders from Fairbanks and Sterlington decided to build their own church as well. Named by D.S. J.T. Harris, the St. Andrew's church held it's first service on March 19, 1961. The pastor of the new church was Rev. George Harbuck.

A parsonage was added in 1962. A fellowship and activities building was acquired in 1980. The church got a new steeple in 1997. The parking lot was paved in 2000.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 165 from Monroe. Turn left (west) on Hwy 2 towards Sterlington. Immediately turn north on Old Sterlington Rd. and then take the left on Church St. to the church. It can be seen from Hwy 2.



St. James United Methodist Church



City	Monroe
Address	916 Adams St.
Membership	45
Founded	1868

Property for a church and a school was purchased for \$200 from the Don Juan Filhiol family on March 23, 1868. Two wooden buildings were constructed at the corner of Adams and Congo Streets. The school served first through third grades.

In 1923, the current church was built under the leadership of Rev. Hubbard Daniels. The contractors for the new church included Arthur Smith, Frank McNeal, and Louis Ward ... all members of the church.

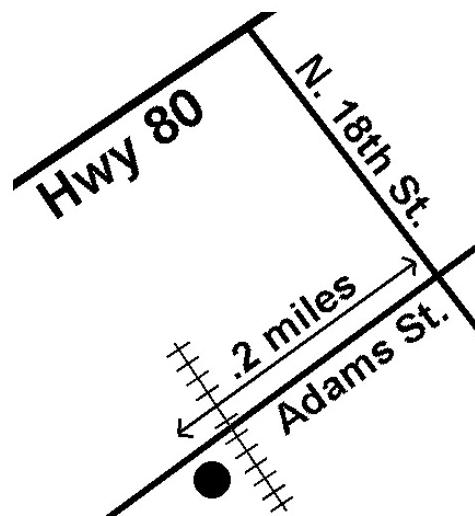
In 1966, the church started a child care center. Mrs. Ruth Brown was the first director.

On October 29, 1992, the church was added to the National Register of Historical Places. The pastor at that time was Rev. Robert Addison.

St. James was the first church in the Louisiana Conference to have an integrated pulpit. This occurred during the episcopacy of Bishop William Oden. Rev. Ellen Blue served the church as part of her Perkins School internship in 1994.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 80 (Louisville Ave.) in Monroe, turn south onto S. 18th St. Then take a left on Adams. The church is 1/5 mile ahead on the left, just past the tracks.



First United Methodist Church – St. Joseph



City	St. Joseph
Address	301 Levee St.
Membership	129
Founded	1952



Wesley Chapel

For over fifty years, Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians in St. Joseph worshipped at a Union Church. The Union Church Association had been incorporated in 1902 and a lot donated for a church by one of the Methodists, Mrs. Atlas Brown. A church was built and dedicated in 1903. The Baptists left in 1938 when they completed their own church.

After starting a building fund, the Methodists chartered and incorporated their church on October 20, 1952. The Methodist congregation completed their first building in 1957 and dedicated it March 8, 1959. That first building was an education building, but services were held there until the completion of a sanctuary in 1962. The dedication service for the new sanctuary was held on May 2, 1965.

After having parsonages on 3rd Street and on 4th Street, the current parsonage is located at 440 Newton Street.

In June 2000, the congregation of Wesley Chapel merged with the First United Methodist Church of St. Joseph. Services are still held twice a year (spring and autumn) at Wesley Chapel, with a dinner-on-the-ground at noon. Wesley Chapel had been established in the mid 1800s, and the church building is said to date back to the 1850s.

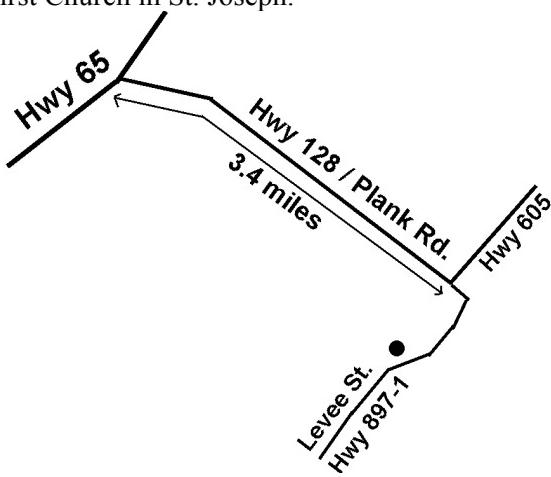
On May 26, 2002, the Waterproof United Methodist Church (about 10 miles SW of St. Joseph) held its last service. The Waterproof had received its first appointment back in 1849. Some of its members joined the congregation of First Church in St. Joseph.

How to Get There:

Head to St. Joseph on Hwy 65. Turn on Hwy 128 (Plank Rd.) and head east for 3.4 miles. Turn right on Levee St. (Hwy 897-1). The church is on the right.



Waterproof UMC; 1849-2002



St. Mark's United Methodist Church



City	Monroe
Address	513 Lincoln Rd.
Membership	351
Founded	1960

The church was organized on February 28, 1960 under the leadership of Rev. Forrest Blunt, Jr. There were sixty charter members in the congregation. Services were first held at the Lakeshore Elementary School. With the help of the District, the 1000 Club, and a loan from the General Board of Missions, property was purchased in August 1960.

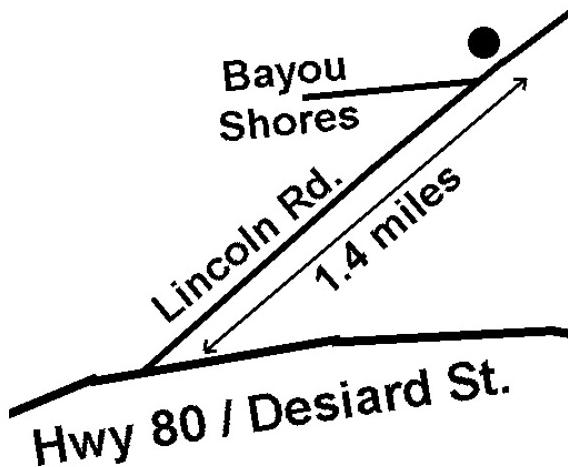
Groundbreaking for the new church was held on March 27, 1961. The church was completed in several months, with the opening service held on July 9, 1961.

In 1980, the facilities were expanded to include offices, a fellowship hall, and classrooms.

Beginning in February 2004, a contemporary worship service (Expectations) was added to the worship schedule.

How to Get There:

In east Monroe, just north of the airport, turn off of Hwy 80 (DeSiard) onto Hwy 139 (Lincoln Rd.) and head NE. The church is 1.4 miles ahead on the right.



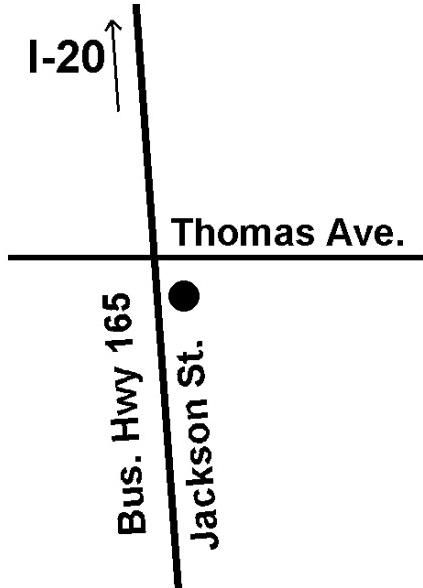
St. Paul United Methodist Church



City	Monroe
Address	3101 Jackson St.
Membership	78
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head south on Jackson St. (Bus Hwy 165) south of I-20 in Monroe. The church is on the east side of the road just south of Thomas Ave.



St. Paul's United Methodist Church



City	Monroe
Address	1901 Lexington Ave.
Membership	1174
Founded	1952

In 1950, the First Methodist Church congregation in Monroe saw the need for a new congregation in north Monroe. In 1952, 204 founding members formed the Northside Methodist Church. The first service was held at the Georgia Tucker Elementary School on June 15, 1952. On September 14, 1952, Dr. Ben Oliphant started holding services at the Lexington Elementary School. Four days later, the 204 charter members changed the name of the congregation to St. Paul's.

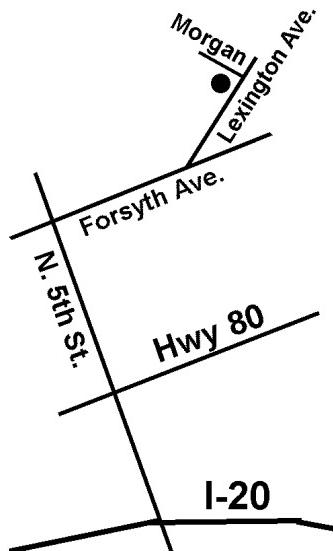
The Monroe Board of Missions and the First Church bought property at the corner of Orell Place and Lexington Avenue for the new congregation. A parsonage was constructed at 1626 Milton Street. The first church building was completed in the fall of 1953. St. Paul's Day School was a vital part of increasing the membership to over 600 by the end of the decade.

New facilities were completed in May 1969. After the current sanctuary was built and held its first service on May 11, 1969, the old sanctuary was used as a fellowship hall. The facilities contained kitchens, social areas, restrooms, twenty-two classrooms, a nursery, a library, offices, and a game room.

For the 25th anniversary in 1977, a Carillon Bell System was installed. In the 1980s, the kitchen and older section of the church were remodeled. A new parsonage was acquired on Morgan Street, and the associate pastor resided in the Milton Street home. When the facilities were renovated in 1999, a new office wing, choir room, and pipe organ were added. The chapel is known as the Grayson-Godfrey Chapel.

How to Get There:

From exit 117 on I-10, head north on Hwy 15 (N. 5th St.). After a couple of miles, take a right on Forsythe Ave. and then take Lexington Blvd. to the left. The church is 0.6 imiles ahead on the left, just after Orell Pl.



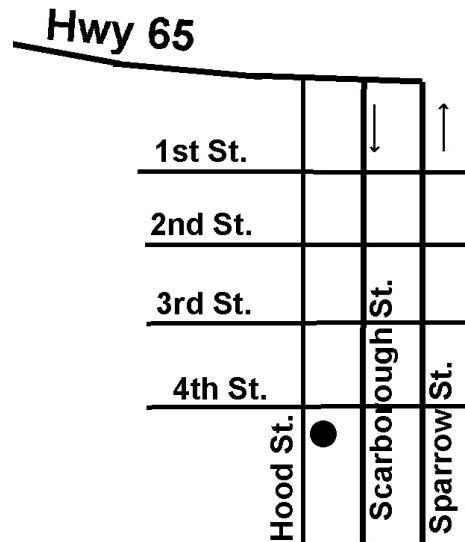
St. Peter United Methodist Church



City	Lake Providence
Address	Hood St.
Membership	10
Founded	

How to Get There:

Go to Lake Providence on Hwy 65. Turn south on Hood St. The church is 3 blocks ahead on the left. If entering from the south, you can turn left on 4th St. (Hwy 883) and the church will be a couple of blocks ahead on the right.



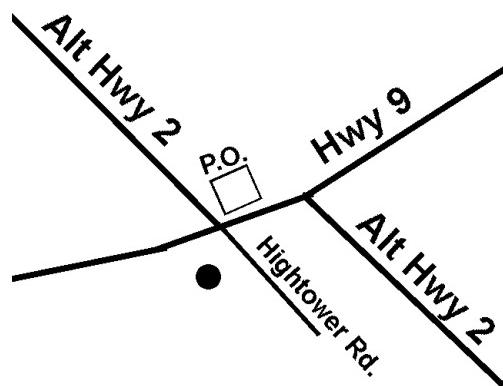
Summerfield United Methodist Church



City	Summerfield
Address	Hwy 9
Membership	13
Founded	1876

How to Get There:

Take exit 85 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 167 past Bernice. Just north of Bernice, turn left (west) on Alt. Hwy 2 (Summerfield Rd.) and head to Summerfield. Turn left on Hwy 9. After about a quarter mile, the church will be on the left just past the post office (which is on the right). The church is set back from the highway.



Tallulah United Methodist Church



City	Tallulah
Address	S. Cedar
Membership	340
Founded	1873

On February 11, 1873, Mrs. J.R. Askew donated two lots on the south side of North Louisiana and Texas Railroad for the purpose of building a church. The Union church was built either that year or the next and still stands. It was shared by the Episcopal and Methodist congregations. It was moved in early 1905 to North Cedar Street and was used by the Trinity Episcopal Church. The railroad company didn't give its permission for the move, and in fact a train was delayed because it arrived when the church was being moved over the tracks.

The minister came from Dehli once a month to hold services. When the original two lots were sold for \$1,100 and the money split between the Episcopal and Methodist congregations. With their share, the Methodists bought a lot for \$400 from Amanda Stone. Led by Rev. R.C. Grace, the Methodists built their first church in 1905. The builder was a Mr. Roberts. Bishop Ward of Texas dedicated the church in July 1906. Rev. Grace supplied the pulpit and the pews were bought in Monroe.

A small two-room building was constructed later on to help provide space for Sunday School. As the church grew older, it was decided to tear it down and build a new one. Services were held by Rev. H.W. Rickey at the schoolhouse during construction.

The first service for the new brick church was held on Mother's Day, May 11, 1930. The church dedication service was led by Bishop A. Frank Smith on April 26, 1942.

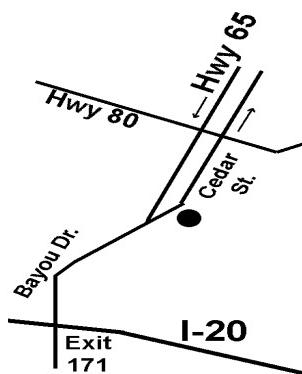
In 1955, a house on the corner of Bayou Drive and Scott Street was purchased to provide Sunday School space. At the end of that year, plans began on a new education building. The building was completed by the start of 1961.

Additional property was purchased in 1967 for \$10,000. In 1970, the congregation voted to allow the educational building to be used as a private school. The debt on the building was paid off by December 1974. A new roof and steeple were put on the church in 1975. The inside received new memorial windows that same year. After installing a new bell tower in 1976, the old bell was set up on the church lawn.

In 1977, the parsonage on Clinton Street was sold and a new one purchased. Bishop Kenneth Shamblin visited the church on January 29, 1978 to hold a dedication service for the church and a consecration service for the parsonage.

How to Get There:

Take exit 171 from I-20 and head into Tallulah on Hwy 65. Stay to the right when the street splits after 1.25 miles. The church is on the right on S. Cedar.



Trinity United Methodist Church



City	Ruston
Address	1000 Woodward Ave.
Membership	1584
Founded	1884



On Jan. 4, 1884, Rev. Joseph H. Stone led thirteen charter members in organizing a church. Land at the northwest corner of Alabama Avenue and Trenton Street was donated to the church on October 12, 1885 by Robert E. Russ. The white wooden church held its first revival (by Rev. Fitzgerald S. Parker) in 1886. The church's pastor at that time was Rev. Thomas B. White. Since it was the only church in town, it was also used by the Baptists and Presbyterians until they built their own churches.

Construction on a new brick church was built in 1903-04 under the leadership of Rev. Robert H. Wynn. Part of the sanctuary was partitioned to make room for students from the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute (Louisiana Tech). Later, in 1936, Trinity played a role in establishing the Wesley Foundation on the college campus. Rev. Guy M. Hicks was pastor at that time. Trinity has also provided assistance to the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home since it moved to Ruston in 1908.

Plans began in 1931 for the construction of new facilities at 300 North Vienna Street. Led by Rev. H.L. Johns, a new education building was completed in 1933 on land donated by T.L. James. The sanctuary was completed in 1938 and was dedicated by Bishop A. Frank Smith on April 2, 1939. The following year, the united conference of the Louisiana Conference was held at the church.

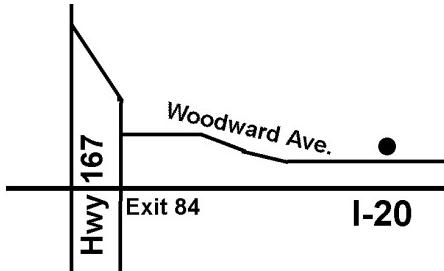
In the 1950s, Trinity helped to form the Grace Methodist Church. In 1955, a parsonage was acquired. In 1958, the Margaret Rainwater Fuller Chapel was built on the north side, given as a memorial by the family. A children's wing was later added and was dedicated on May 26, 1962 by Bishop Aubrey Walton. In the 1960s, Trinity helped to form the Faith Methodist Church. At the close of the decade, the Day Care Center was begun.

The last meeting in that church building was on September 8, 1971. In 1973-74, a new church was built on land donated by the R.M. Steere family. An activities wing was constructed in 1977-78. By the late 1990s, programs such as G.R.A.C.E. and a contemporary worship service were in place and the church began long range planning.

In 2003, the first phase of new building for education and office facilities was begun. The new buildings were consecrated by Bishop William Hutchinson in 2004, and the church began on the next phase of expansion.

How to Get There:

Take exit 84 from I-20 and head north on Cocktown Rd. Immediately north of the interstate, turn right on Woodward Ave. The church is down the road on the left.



Union United Methodist Church



City	Charlieville
Address	3055 Hwy. 132
Membership	17
Founded	1879

On June 27, 1879, about five and a half acres of property were donated for a Union Church (to serve Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians). The donors were the heirs of John P. McIntosh ... Leonidas McIntosh, Margaret McIntosh, and Cornelia McIntosh Hatch. The first appointed Methodist pastor was Rev. N.C. Connell, appointed to the charge in December 1880.

The first structure was built sometime between 1887 and 1890 under the leadership of Rev. J.F. Patterson. The outside was white with a steeple. The inside had two aisles. The original railing around the pulpit is still used in the present church. When the presiding elder would visit, dinner was held out under the oak trees in the yard.

In an 1895 document, the same donation was mentioned but the church was called the Union Methodist Church. A note in the diary of Mr. C.M. Noble mentioned that the pastor Rev. J.T. Reames had begun taking subscriptions for a new church which was to be a Methodist Episcopal Church, South congregation.

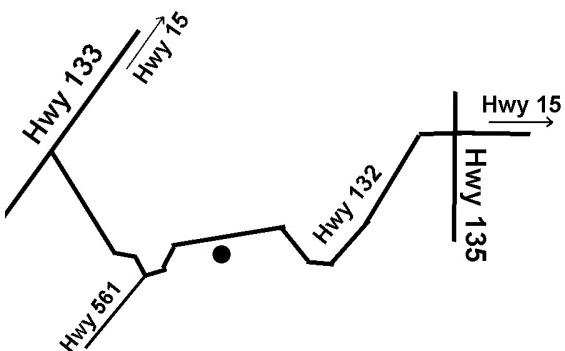
In 1916, a tornado destroyed the church, though some of the pews were salvaged. They had to chop a hole in the church floor to release a herd of hogs that had been trapped. Rev. Patterson was called from Rayville to design and build a new church. Improvements were made later in 1947, 1953, and 1958.

On March 27, 1918, a house was purchased from Leo McConnell for \$2,800. It was used as a parsonage for the pastor serving Union, Little Creek, and Mangham. After it was burned down in a 1933 fire, a new home was built. In 1959, Mangham paid for the Union-Little Creek share of that parsonage and Union-Little Creek built a new parsonage near Alto in 1962 on land donated by Stanley Thomason. The first pastor in the parsonage was Rev. J.D. Strozier.

Source: History of Union United Methodist Church, Jimmie Kenton

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 15 out of Monroe. Upon reaching the Rhymes community, turn right (south) on Hwy 133. After about 5 miles, turn left (east) onto Hwy 132. The church and cemetery will be about two and a half miles ahead on the right.



Washington Chapel United Methodist Church



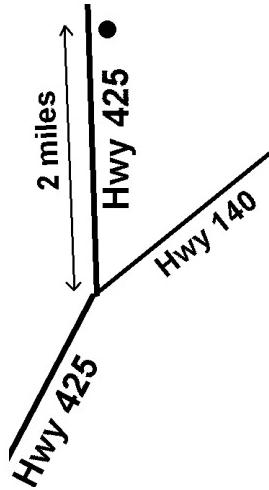
City	Bastrop
Address	12844 Crossett Rd.
Membership	41
Founded	

The history of the foundation of Washington Chapel was lost when a fire destroyed the church records in the late 1920s. The pastor at that time was Rev. T.A. Hampton. It is known that the church is named after its founder, Tom Washington. The first church building was located near the banks of Bartholomew in Morehouse Parish. After that church burned down, the congregation relocated to the main road. At that time, it was a dirt road (it was later graveled).

It was later rebuilt along the highway. Rev. Robert S. Murray was leading the church when it was completed in September 1956.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 165 from Monroe. Turn left (west) on Hwy 2 towards Sterlington. Turn left on Solvent Rd. Go to 3rd St. and turn left. The church is on the right.



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Ruston
Address	4330 Hwy. 818
Membership	120
Founded	

The first services were probably camp meetings held under a brush arbor at Camp Ground Church. It is believed that the log church was built on the land in the late 1840s. It had a shingled roof and a native rock/mud fireplace. On August 31, 1854, the Harper Institute bought thirty acres from the John C. Jones estate. The church was on part of that land. In the deed, it stated that ten of the acres must be reserved for the camp ground church and cemetery.

The log church was destroyed by high winds in 1865. A new church was built of lumber. It had glass windows and a wood-burning stove. By 1867, the church had a Sunday School with five teachers and twenty scholars. The pastor at that time was Rev. Thomas J. Upton. The church was incorporated on May 3, 1877.

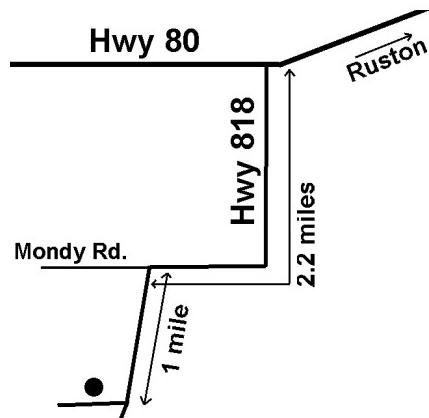
Some of the membership left in 1923 when they organized a new church at Clay. In 1941, the church was badly damaged by winds. A new church was completed under the leadership of Rev. J.H. Martin. It was dedicated in 1943 under the leadership of Rev. Jack Shaw. In 1954, Mr. C.G. Adams of the railroad donated an old locomotive bell to the church.

A tornado on April 3, 1957 caused \$3000 of damage to the church and damaged many of the trees around the structure. Over the years, improvements have been made to the facilities. The last major addition was the addition of a fellowship hall, kitchen, restrooms, and classrooms. In 2001, a prayer garden west of the church was dedicated.

An in-depth history of the church was written by Murray Rasbury in the late 1970s. Mr. Rasbury wrote that the church was probably first named Wesley Chapel in 1864 when the church began having regular services.

How to Get There:

From Ruston, head west on Hwy 80. Turn left (south) on Hwy 818. The road will turn right and then left. You'll see the cemetery on the right side of the road, 3.2 miles from Hwy 80. Take the road to the right and the church is behind the cemetery.



First United Methodist Church – West Monroe

City	West Monroe
Address	1411 Glenwood Dr.
Membership	882
Founded	1847



The congregation began as the Trenton Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A plaque on the building says that it was founded in 1847. The first church structure was built about 1850 in Trenton. Though it was used for blacks and whites, the black members sat in a gallery in the rear. Though services were interrupted at the time of the Civil War, services resumed when Rev. Jewel was appointed in 1868 and a Sunday School was organized.

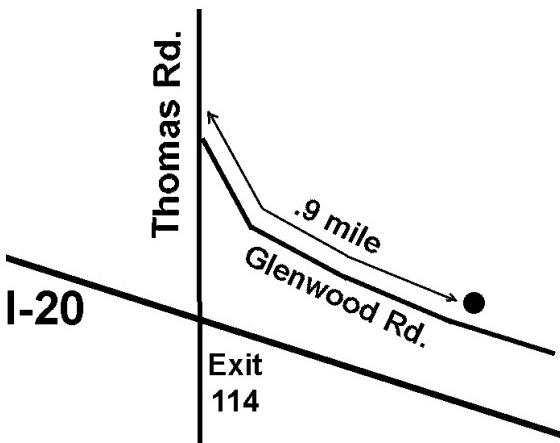
After the railroad was completed through the area, the city of West Monroe took hold. The congregation decided to move to the new town. The church was torn down and rebuilt in West Monroe. A lot was donated to the church by Millsaps and McClain and others. The church was rebuilt on the 150' square lot. A parsonage was completed in 1913. Led by the Sunday School and the Women's Missionary Society, the debt on the facilities was paid off by 1917.

A new sanctuary was built on North Second and Wood Streets in 1920-21. A new parsonage and an education building were built in 1955.

In 1978, the congregation decided to relocate for better community outreach. New facilities were constructed on 37 acres of land at Glenwood Drive. The first service was held April 4, 1982. In 1999, construction began on a Family Life Center.

How to Get There:

Take exit 114 from I-20. Head north on Thomas Rd. and turn right on Glenwood Rd. The church will be almost a mile ahead on the left.



Wilhite United Methodist Church



City	West Monroe
Address	Parish Rd. 5506
Membership	41
Founded	1891

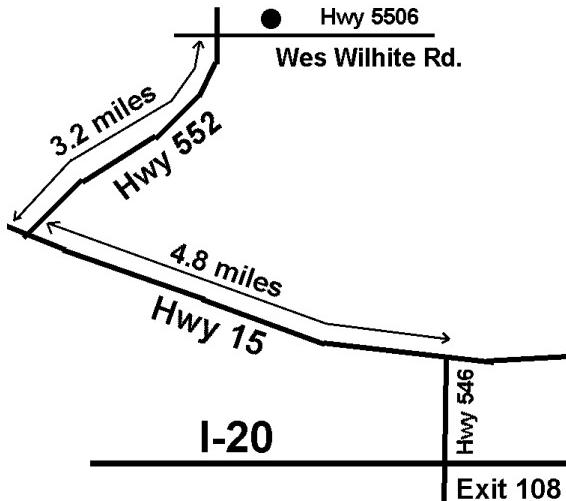
The oldest church record, dated February 1, 1891, shows that Rev. R.A. Davis was the pastor at that time. Original members included families such as Henry, Carie, Wilhite, Aulds, Taylor, Wallace, Ward, Coswell, Hodge, Simmons, and Hite. On June 20, 1891, J.W. Wilhite sold the church an acre of land for \$2.50 and a church was built.

The Pine Grove congregation (which had been located one mile west of Point) eventually merged with the Wilhite congregation. The Mars Hill congregation had earlier merged with Pine Grove.

After the church burned down in the 1920s, the current church was built under the supervision of Jack Watson. Concrete front steps were added in 1948. In the 1950s, a fellowship hall, a kitchen, and restrooms were constructed.

How to Get There:

Take exit 108 from I-20. Head north on Cheniere Drew Rd. (Hwy 546) to Hwy 15. Turn left on Hwy 15. After almost 5 miles, turn right on Hwy 552. Head north on Hwy 552 for 3.2 miles. Take a right parish rd. 5506. The church is a quarter mile ahead on the left.



Winnsboro United Methodist Church



City	Winnsboro
Address	1502 West St.
Membership	373
Founded	1872



1872-1927

The Winnsboro congregation dates back to the middle of the 19th century. Though the exact date of its founding is not known, the first baptism entry in the original record book is by Stephen J. Davis as is dated 1854 or 1859. A sign on the church says it was founded in 1847. The record book itself bears the date 1858. After meeting in homes and at the courthouse for a number of years, the first church structure was completed in 1872.

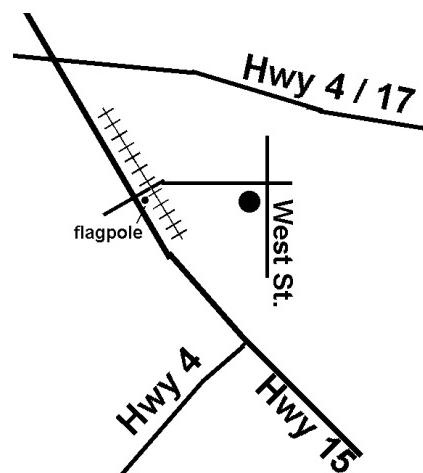
After purchasing the property on August 26, 1872, the pines and oaks were cleared. Solomon Lowry was hired to build the church. It was painted white and had a bell in the steeple.

Under the leadership of Rev. H.W. Rickey, a new \$32,000 church was completed in 1927. In 1957, an education building was added at a cost of almost \$79,000.

In the 1980s, the congregation felt the need to expand their outreach, especially to youth. The idea to built an addition was approved on October 28, 1991. Money was raised over a period of years, with \$55,000 being given by Mrs. Teddie Hatfield in memory of her husband Charles. The building was purchased, renovated, and named the Hatfield Building. Rev. Charles Langford led in the consecration service (September 24, 1995) and in the dedication service (October 12, 1997).

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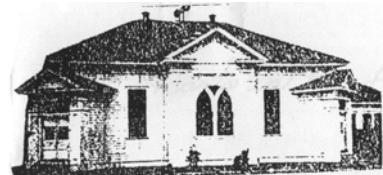
Take Hwy 15 south out of Monroe to Winnsboro. Turn left at the flagpole (1/3 mile past the Hwy 130 intersection) and go to West St. The church is on the corner.



Wisner United Methodist Church



City	Wisner
Address	116 Wisner St.
Membership	49
Founded	1888



1915-1961

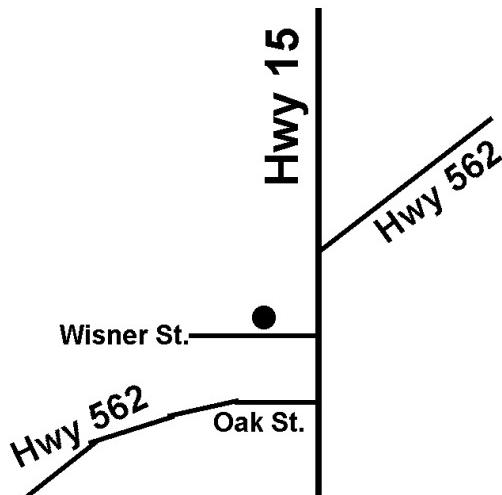
On October 10, 1859, Samuel H. Copeland donated land to the Holly Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South for a church. The Civil War brought an end to the plans for a church until August 3, 1888, when Duncan Buie donated land for a church. The Wisner congregation was organized in Holly Grove in 1888. The church later bought land from the school board when the Holly Grove School was abandoned.

When the railroad came through the area, more people moved into the Wisner area. Worship services were held in a one-room school at the corner of Natchez and Wisner Streets. In 1911, Edward Wisner donated land for a church to be built in town. A new church was built in 1915 for \$2,300. A parsonage was acquired in 1926. The Holly Grove church was later sold to the Baptist congregation.

A building fund began in 1958 under the leadership of Rev. Arby Coody. The \$50,000 church was built in 1961 under the leadership of Rev. Paul Durbin. Services were held at the old Baptist church on Plum Street during construction. While planning for a dedication in 1965, the new church burned down on July 8. Services were held at the elementary school while the church was rebuilt. Led by Rev. John Johns, the church was completed in January 1966 at a cost of \$88,000. The church was dedicated by Bishop Aubrey Walton on November 20, 1966.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 15 out of Monroe. Upon reaching the Wisner community ... 0.2 miles south of the Hwy 562 E. intersection on the left ... turn right on Wisner St. The church is on the right.



Woodlawn United Methodist Church



City	West Monroe
Address	Jonesboro Rd.
Membership	90
Founded	1964

The first Protestant services in the area were held in private homes. A building was later constructed to be used as a church on Sunday and as a school during the week. The Woodlawn congregation has its roots in several congregations that met over the years.

The Pine Grove Church is thought to have begun in the 1860s. In 1901, Rev. Inabnet gave an acre of land for the Lapine Methodist church on Charlie Griggs Road, and a church was built in 1903. By the late 1950s and early 1960s, the congregation's numbers had dwindled. They decided to build a new church in a new location.

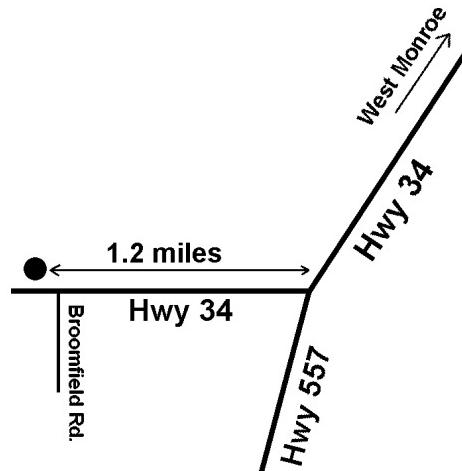
Land on Hwy. 34, just west of the Woodlawn School, was purchased. On August 16, 1964, the gray brick church was completed and the congregation of Lapine moved into the Woodlawn Church.

Some of the membership of Woodlawn can be traced to the Sardis (new and old) congregations). Old Sardis was built in 1857. The cemetery of the old church can still be found on Red Cut Road. In 1903, a new church (New Sardis) was built on Ed Rutledge Road on land donated by Benjamin Frank Gewin. As people and business moved away, that congregation grew smaller. After the last service at Sardis in May 1931, the congregation joined the Lapine church. The cemetery at the new Sardis location is now known as Rutledge Cemetery.

In 1972, the Carroll Social Hall was constructed.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 34 from West Monroe. When the road divides (Hwy 557 to the left and Hwy 34 to the right), stay on Hwy 34 (Jonesboro Rd.). The church is on the right, 1.2 miles past the divide, just past Broomfield Rd.



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Aldersgate United Methodist Church



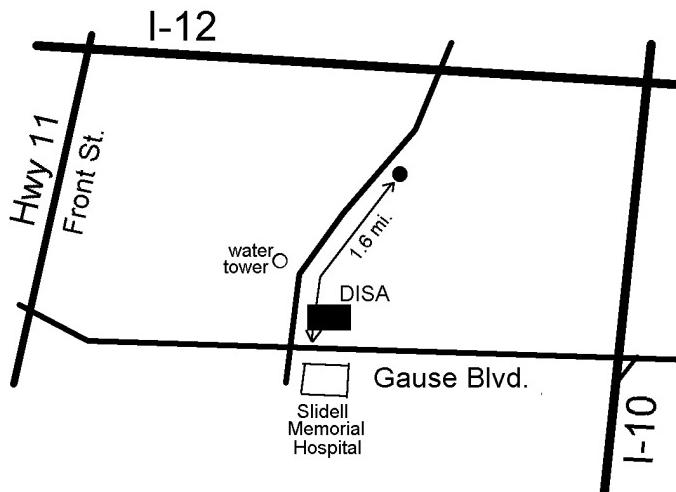
City	Slidell
Address	360 Robert Rd.
Membership	1739
Founded	1976

In 1966, the New Orleans District Board of Missions recognized that the Slidell area would be growing and purchased a piece of land on Robert Road for a new church. Ten years later, in 1976, a task force met to develop the church. A name was selected, a parsonage was secured, and they found temporary facilities in which to hold services. The first service was held in a meeting room of a restaurant on June 27, 1976. As the congregation grew, services moved to a local dance studio. Bishop Shamblin led 107 members in a charter service at the dance studio on October 3, 1976.

In June of 1977, Aldersgate moved into a multipurpose building that included a sanctuary, offices, kitchen, and classrooms at 360 Robert Blvd. The congregation grew rapidly. An educational building was constructed in 1979, and a new 500+ seat sanctuary was built two years later. The latest additions to the church facilities are the John Wesley Center and the Susanna Wesley Building. The church continues to grow and leads the community with dedicated, caring, involved people who believe in putting their faith into action.

How to Get There:

Head east on I-10 out of New Orleans. Take the second Slidell exit and head west on Gause Blvd. (Hwy 190). After about a mile, you'll see the Slidell Memorial Hospital on the left and DISA on the right. Turn right onto Robert Rd. The church is on the right, 1.6 mi. down the road.



Algiers United Methodist Church



City	Algiers
Address	637 Opelousas
Membership	290
Founded	1843



1898

A Sunday School was begun at Algiers Point in 1840 by a Mr. Smiley. A church was organized in 1843 by Rev. E.H. Watkins, pastor of the Moreau Street Church. Land was donated in 1844 by J.B. Olivier and his wife Alix. Citizens of Algiers contributed towards the church, and the Good Hope Chapel was built in April 1844 by Mr. Tuttle of McDonoughville. The site is located about 300 feet beyond the levee into the river at a depth of 60-80 feet. The chapel was incorporated and renamed Algiers Methodist Episcopal Church, South later that year.

When the levee began to erode in the 1850's, land was purchased at the corner of Delaronde and Lavergne Streets. A new, larger church was completed in 1857. The steeple had a large gilded hand pointing upward. The church was remodeled in 1868 and in 1898. The church was destroyed by a 1915 hurricane. Though a temporary church was reconstructed at the site, the congregation planned on a new church on Opelousas St. They had purchased two lots there back in 1914. After the war, construction on a new church began under the leadership of Rev. C.C. Weir and was dedicated on March 26, 1922.

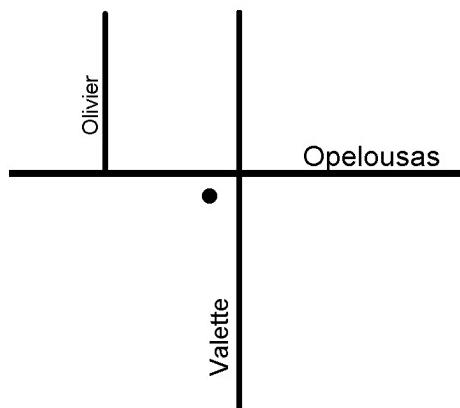
The Dr. A.C. King Educational building was completed in 1955 to accommodate the growing congregation. The sanctuary was renovated in 1979.

The church is still sometimes referred to as Algiers United Methodist Church.

Source: Through Stained Glass Windows: A Brief History of Algiers United Methodist Church (dropping the "First").

How to Get There:

Take the Gen. DeGaulle exit just after you cross The Crescent Connection bridge. Go west till you get to Franklin St. Turn right and go to Opelousas. Turn right and you'll see the church on the right after a couple of blocks.



Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Algiers
Address	2725 Ernest
Membership	242
Founded	1868



Third Church Building

The Asbury congregation was organized in 1868. The first services were led by Rev. John Brock under a brush arbor. During the pastorate of Rev. James M. Bryant (1871-1876) property was purchased on which to build a church.

The church was destroyed by a storm sometime around 1940. A new church was built in 1942 under the leadership of Rev. A.L. Franklin. Builders Moses Riley and Edward Duplessis were paid \$35 each. A third builder, Ben Charles, had passed away so his widow Della was given \$40.

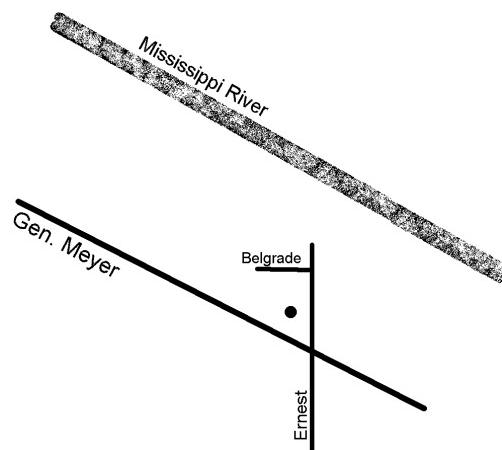
The third church was built in 1970 under the leadership of Rev. H.J. Rhyan. They were aided by Dr. Robert Harrington, the first African-American D.S. after the Conference merged in 1970. Dr. Harrington led the consecration service on January 30, 1972. The dedication service, led by Bishop Finnis Crutchfield, was held in January 1972. An extension to that church was added in 1984 under the leadership of Rev. William Jones.

The lot next door to the church was bought on July 11, 1993, and the congregation decided to build a new church. With financial assistance from the United Methodist Foundation, plans for the new facilities began in June 1996. Services were held at the Old Rosenwald School during construction. Rev. Andrew J. Douglas led the congregation as the consecration service was held on October 11, 2001. The debt was again paid promptly as Bishop William Hutchinson led the dedication service two years later on December 14, 2003.

Asbury continues to serve the community as the “house on the side of the road and is a friend to all people.

How to Get There:

From the Westbank Expressway, head south until you get to Woodland Dr. (you can see the bridge just ahead). Turn left and go to Gen. Meyer. Take a right. After less than a mile, turn left onto Ernest. The church will be on the left.



Aurora United Methodist Church



City	Terrytown
Address	3300 Eton
Membership	1058
Founded	1959

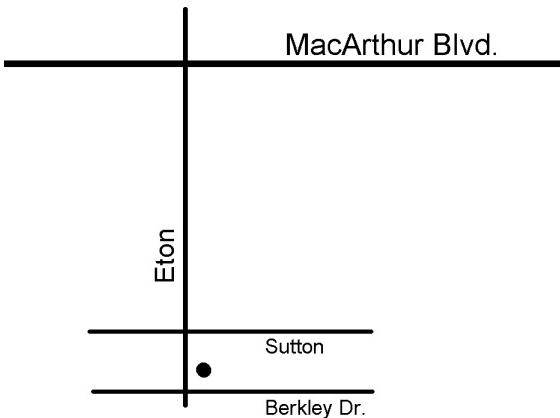
In 1959, a small group of families met at Sam & Marie Jones' home to discuss the idea of establishing a Methodist church. On June 7, 1959, there were 32 people on hand for the first worship service of Aurora Methodist Church in a small church on Gen. Meyer Ave. Under the leadership of Rev. William "Ken" Jacocks, twenty more joined the following Sunday. After groundbreaking on April 24, 1960, the Aurora church was constructed by 1961 at the corner of Eton and Berkley. Membership had increased from 90 charter members to 273 in only 2 years.

The children's building was constructed in 1964. In 1967, the sanctuary was expanded. As the church grew, more space was needed. So a new sanctuary and a Youth Building were constructed and were dedicated on May 18, 1989. The original church, which was serving as a Fellowship Hall, was destroyed by fire in 1987. A new Family Life Center was completed in May 1989.

Source: "A History of Caring"

How to Get There:

Take the Gen. DeGaulle exit just after you cross the Crescent Connection bridge. After about a mile, turn left onto MacArthur Blvd. After a little more than a mile, turn right onto Eton St. The church will be on the left about 3 blocks down, in between Sutton Pl. and Berkley Dr.



Belle Chasse United Methodist Church

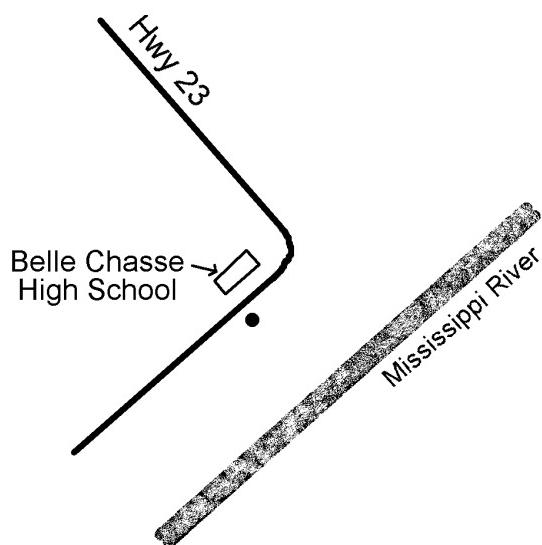


City	Belle Chasse
Address	8375 Hwy. 23
Membership	259
Founded	1944

The Belle Chasse Community Methodist Church resulted from a merger of the Belle Chasse Community Church, which was organized in 1944. The first service of the "new" church was on May 26, 1963. It was led by Dr. Carl F. Lueg, the District Superintendent of the New Orleans District. The church's first pastor was Dr. Adrian Serex. There were 100 charter members in the congregation. It officially became a Methodist Church on July 30, 1963.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 23 from the Westbank. When you get to Belle Chasse, the Hwy reaches the Mississippi River and makes a sharp bend to the right. You'll see Belle Chasse High School on your right. The church is just past the curve to your left.



Bethany United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	4533 Mendez St.
Membership	851
Founded	1958

As the area of New Orleans near Lake Ponchartrain grew in the 1950's, the Methodist Church purchased 5 lots for future expansion. A pastor was appointed to lead in the formation of the first expansion site. After conducting a religious survey and a house-to-house visitation, an organizational meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alcee Chriss at 4918 Prentiss Avenue to form the Pontchartrain Park Methodist Church. After the 23 charter members met in private homes for a while, Dr. Albert Dent, president of Dillard University, offered Coss Hall as a site of worship. The name was changed at this time to Bethany, to reflect a more biblical name. The congregation met there until the church was completed in June of 1958.

By 1962, the congregation had grown to 125 members. It grew to 183 by the next year.

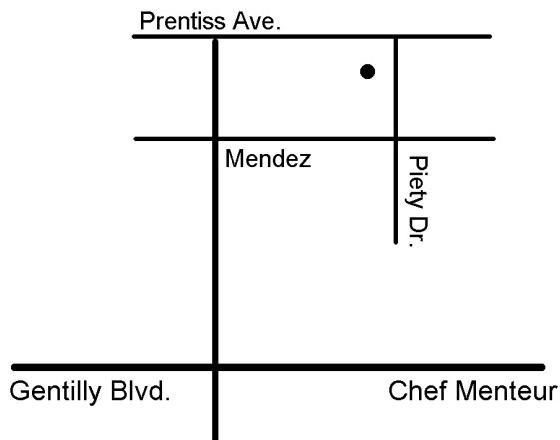
A new church was consecrated on December 28, 1969 under the leadership of Rev. E.A. Kennedy, Jr. The congregation had to make a series of changes and reduced the cost of the building in order to pay for it. By 1975, the church returned to normal operation with a budget of \$64,000 with a membership of 289.

The UMW and UMM (organized in 1972) are still strong. The nursery developed into a Day Care Center serving over 100 children.

Source: History of Bethany Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Go past the N.O. Baptist Seminary on Gentilly Blvd. Turn left onto Press Dr. Turn right onto Mendez St. Turn left at Piety. The church is on the left.



Boynton United Methodist Church



City	Gretna
Address	515 Fifth St.
Membership	124
Founded	1880

The Boynton Church was established in 1880 in a building known as Caspars Hall. The charter members raised \$500 to purchase two lots at the present site of the church. The church received its first pastor in 1883.

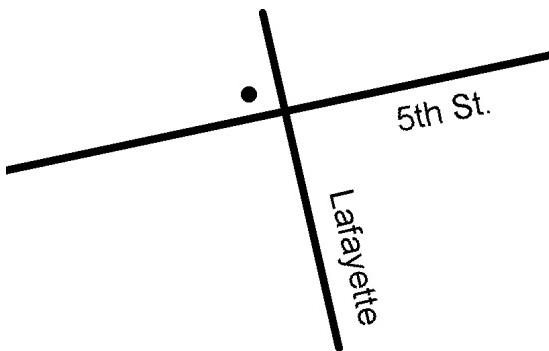
The original frame building, built in 1888, was destroyed by fire on May 26, 1894. It was rebuilt in September of that year, but this building was destroyed by a 1915 hurricane. The church was rebuilt about 1918. It was renovated in 1954 under the leadership of Rev. W.T. Handy, Sr., the District Superintendent who also served as pastor from 1952 to 1954.

A new church was built and completed on December 22, 1981. The pastor at that time was Rev. O.W. Christopher.

Source: Historical Sketch: Boynton United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Take the Westbank Expressway to Belle Chasse Hwy. The Hwy north of the Expressway is called Lafayette St. Go north on Lafayette till you get to 5th St. The church is on the NW corner.



Brooks United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	4000 Buchanan St.
Membership	260
Founded	1948

Brooks United Methodist Church began as an outgrowth of the City Mission Church School under the leadership of Mrs. Edith Henry Keelen and Rev. B.F. Smith.

Edith Henry was only 16 years old when she asked the manager of her housing project if services could be held on Sundays. The first "service", held on March 22, 1942, included Edith, two children, and the pastor. Edith promised the children gifts if they would bring new children. By August 25, there were 111 children enrolled in the church school.

On the second Sunday of November 1948, Rev. C.O. Greene met with five adults in the Church of God in Christ to organize a church. Rev. Greene had been working on building the Lafon Home. The group became the Brooks Methodist Church in January 1949. The church was named after the Louisiana bishop at that time, Robert N. Brooks. The small church was aided by the fact that Rev. Greene served for a number of years without drawing a salary.

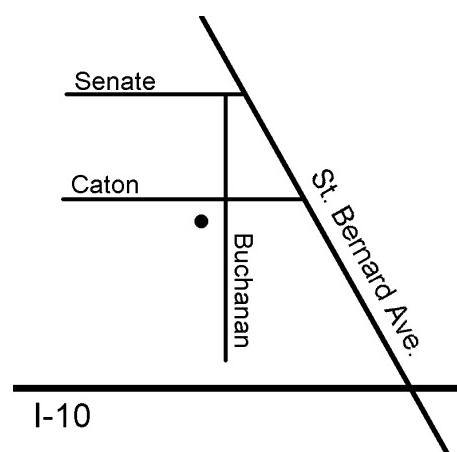
On January 18, 1959, the new church was formally opened. After Rev. Greene had a heart attack in church on Easter Sunday 1963, he was followed by Rev. W.T. Handy, Sr. Rev. Greene was named pastor emeritus and was reimbursed for personal funds he used in the building of the church. Rev. Handy also got the Board of Missions to refinance the church.

Hurricane Betsy caused so much damage in September 1965, services couldn't be held in the sanctuary during ten months of repairs. By the time it was repaired, Rev. Robert Williams had been appointed as Brooks' third pastor.

Source: History of Brooks United Methodist Church, 1959

How to Get There:

Take the St. Bernard exit off of Hwy 610 and head north. Turn left on Caton. The church is on the SW corner of Caton and Buchanan.



Bush United Methodist Church



City	Bush
Address	Off Hwy 40
Membership	81
Founded	1908

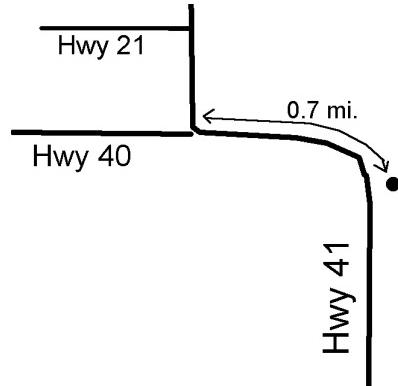
Union services began at Bush in 1900, when Methodists and Baptists met for worship in a Union church across the highway from today's Bush UMC. In 1908, the Methodists built a church of their own, which was located near the present Bush Library. Around 1919 to 1920, the church was moved to J. E. Noble's property at the intersection of Highways 40 and 41. The first pastor was Rev. T. V. Peters. Some memories of those early days include shouting, going to the mourners' bench, and traveling by horse & buggy over dirt roads. Some of the early names in the congregation included Crawford, Dutch, Fauntleroy, Jenkins, McLendon, Noble, Penton, Richardson, Russel, Sticker, Tally, Thomas, Watts, and Williams.

By 1948, a new church building was needed. The old church was torn down and a small wooden building constructed on the present church site. That piece of land was donated by Mrs. Emma Jenkins. This church was used until the present block building was constructed in 1964. The new church was dedicated on September 12, 1968.

The Fellowship Hall was dedicated on January 19, 1985 by Bishop Underwood. An educational wing, with 3 classrooms and a choir room, was added in 1987. Activities at Bush include an annual Christmas Candlelight service, monthly craft day, monthly breakfast, annual children's day, and Sunday school classes for adults, youth, and children.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. As you get to Bush, you'll see the church on the right. Just past the church the road curves to the left and you get to the junction with Hwy 40 0.7 mi. ahead.



Carrollton United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	921 S. Carrollton
Membership	99
Founded	1886

In the early 1870's, Mr. A.H. Ahten began a Sunday School for children and young people. Mr. Ahten, one of the early settlers of Carrollton, was from Ost Freesland, Germany, and the lessons were held in German. The school progressed as an Epworth Mission, and later as an Epworth Church.

When the Rayne Memorial Church bought them a lot on the corner of Carrollton Avenue and Third Street, Rev. Christian Keener designed, financed, and built a church on the site. It was dedicated on February 14, 1886 by Bishop John C. Keener. The charter for the new church was signed on March 16, 1886.

The present sanctuary was opened in May of 1914 (one record says 1919) and dedicated in February of 1920. The old church was given to a black congregation, who used it till it burned down in the 1970's.

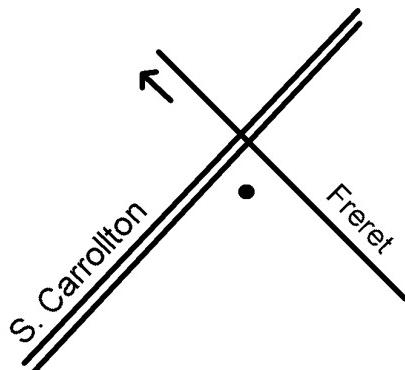
The first education building was dedicated on April 14, 1929. An addition was constructed and dedicated in 1944. Expansion led to the construction of a new education building in 1954.

The first parsonage was a home at 1125 Fern Street that Mr. A.H. Ahten sold to the church. The present parsonage was consecrated on November 20, 1966 while Rev. James T. Harris served as pastor.

Source: Brief History of Carrollton United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

From the I-10, go west on S. Claiborne Ave. Turn left onto S. Carrollton. After about a mile, you'll get to Freret (*Note: Freret is one-way ... left to right*). The church is on the corner past Freret on the left.



Centenary United Methodist Church



City	Franklinton
Address	1015 Cleveland
Membership	383
Founded	1832



1885-1923

Methodists revivals first reached the area in the early 1800s. There was a Methodist campground as early as 1834 at nearby Hayes Creek. The Centenary congregation was formed in 1832 and received its official charter in 1842. Meetings were held outdoors and in private homes. When the Franklinton Masonic Lodge was built in 1851, the congregation began using its lower floor for services. In 1883, church members began work on their own church when "Uncle" John R. Wood donated a piece of land to the congregation. The \$1650 building was completed and dedicated two years later.

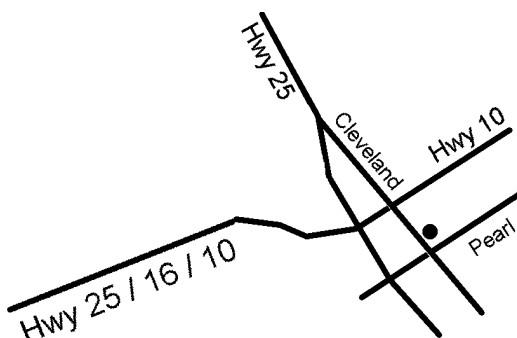
The next church building was constructed in the early 1920s. The old church was taken down, and services were held in the courthouse during construction. The first service in the new facilities (which cost \$11,900) took place on May 4, 1924.

The church continued to grow and saw the need for even larger facilities in the 1950s. An educational building was first built at a cost of \$87,000. It was completed debt-free and opened with a dedication service on May 13, 1956. The old sanctuary was torn down and services were held in the fellowship hall while the new \$74,260 sanctuary was built. It was completed in 1958, and the opening service was held on April 12, 1959. It was dedicated in 1964. Shortly after the completion of the sanctuary, the parsonage on Williams Street was built.

Source: Homecoming 1990 booklet

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 25 into downtown Franklinton. Turn right onto Cleveland at the second Stop light. The church is one block down on your left.



Church of the Servant United Methodist Church



City	Mandeville
Address	701 Florida St.
Membership	325
Founded	1994



Interior of sanctuary

Rev. Barry E. Hughes was appointed to start a new congregation in Mandeville in June 1994. After a series of ads and personal invitations, seven families came together to meet on Sunday evenings for Bible study and prayer. A warehouse and adjoining offices were rented to be used as a chapel, nursery, and Sunday school rooms. With the help of nearby churches, a phone campaign was conducted find others who were not involved with a church. With a \$5,000 loan from the United Methodist Foundation, the December rent was paid, and carpeting and folding chairs were purchased. The doors of the new church opened on December 4, 1994.

The congregation has since grown to over 100 families and 2 worship services. This congregation also helped with the founding of the North Shore Jewish Congregation. From the very beginning, Church of the Servant has sent its tithes to mission and service projects.



A former medical complex was purchased along Florida St. at the close of the 20th century. While there was plenty of classroom space, a metal building sanctuary was built in which to hold services. Long term plans include the construction of a new sanctuary.

How to Get There:

From the Causeway, take Causeway East Approach (Hwy. 22, East) until it turns into Florida Street. Or, from I-12, take Hwy 59 south and turn left on Florida. The church is on the corner of Rapatel and Florida, about 2 miles before the Fountainebleau State Park.



Cornerstone United Methodist Church

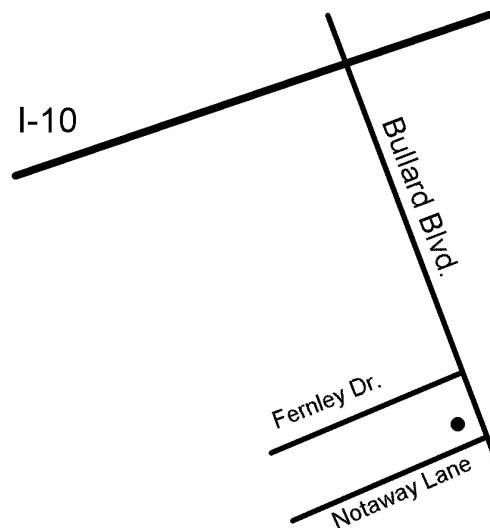
City	New Orleans
Address	5276 Bullard Ave.
Membership	421
Founded	1989



The Cornerstone United Methodist Church began as the New Orleans East United Methodist Church in 1985. In 1987, the St. Andrew's Church merged with it, and the name was changed to Cornerstone in 1989.

How to Get There:

From I-10 in New Orleans East, turn south onto Bullard Blvd. Just past Fernley Dr. (and before Notaway Lane) the church will be on the right.



Covenant United Methodist Church



St. Bernard site

City	Chalmette
Address	115 E. D'Amour St./ 626 Mehle Ave.
Membership	311
Founded	1995



Arabi site

In 1995, the congregations of the St. Arabi and St. Bernard churches approved of a merger at charge conference. The name of the new church is Covenant United Methodist Church. Services are still held at both buildings.

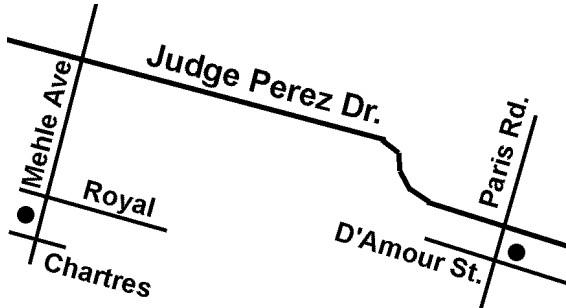
The Arabi church began in February 1939. The first church south of the Industrial Canal was the Aldersgate Church at St. Claude Avenue and North Rampart Street. It relocated in 1956 to Cener Street in Arabie and was renamed St. Claude Heights. Though damaged by floods in hurricane Betsy in 1965, it was soon repaired. The church relocated to Mehle St. in 1975, where services are still held for the remaining members.

The St. Bernard church began the first Sunday of September 1951, as a small group of people met on the courthouse steps for a worship service. Later that month, the St. Bernard church was organized under the leadership of Rev. Clarence Snelling, Jr. Services were held at the Meraux Elementary School from January to November of 1952. Property was purchased on D'Amour St. and services were held in the building later used for an administration building. The church was built in 1953 and consecrated in October 1954. The parsonage was bought in 1963. The fellowship hall was extended in 1973. In the mid 1980s, the atrium was enclosed and the roof redesigned. A steeple was added to the church in 1993.

How to Get There:

St. Bernard site - Heading south on Judge Perez Dr., turn right on Paris Rd. After 1 block, turn left on D'Amour St. The church is on the left.

Arabi site - Heading south on Judge Perez Dr., turn right on Mehle Ave. The church is just past Royal on the right.



First United Methodist Church - Covington



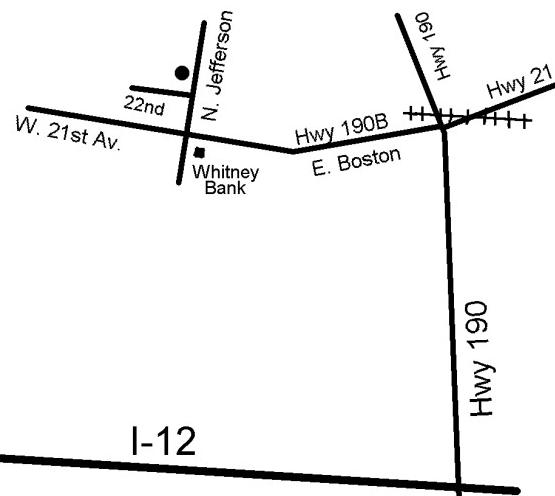
City	Covington
Address	203 N. Jefferson
Membership	442
Founded	1834

It is that circuit riders from Mississippi ventured into the Covington area as early as 1811. When the Methodists organized a religious society in the area, it was the only kind of any denomination for a while. The first church and parsonage were built in 1834. They were located on the square currently occupied by the St. Tammany Parish School Board Annex and the St. Tammany Parish Administrative Complex. When the old buildings were destroyed by a fire in 1920, a new church and parsonage were built. The new location of the church was at the corner of Jefferson and Twenty-Second Avenue.

Construction began on a new church in 1967. It was completed by the following year, and a consecration service was held on February 11, 1968. The mortgage was burned at the dedication service on May 9, 1982.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Covington exit and head north on Hwy 190. As you get to Covington, Hwy 21 will veer off to the right. Turn left onto East Boston (Hwy 190B). When you get to N. Jefferson St. (you'll see a Whitney Bank to the left, and a Chevron station ahead on the right), turn right. The church is just ahead on the left.



El Mesias United Methodist Church



City	Kenner
Address	420 W. Esplanade
Membership	19/36
Founded	1960

The Hispanic ministry of El Mesias began in 1960 at FUMC New Orleans. It was led by lay leader Larry Dominguez, who attended FUMC. As the group grew, it was led by Rev. Robert Eaker and met in the FUMC chapel. Rev. Eaker and the membership felt that it was necessary to translate all this work at the Felicity UMC in New Orleans.

After having its ups and downs, the Hispanic church re-started in 1979 at FUMC under the leadership of Rev. Juan and Martha Sanfiel. After Rev. Juan Sanfiel's death, his wife Martha continued the ministry as they moved to the Messiah United Methodist Church in Kenner. She was followed by Rev. Benjamin Santana (1992-95), Rev. John Higginbotham (1996), and Rev. Judy Shema (1996-99).

Since June 1, 1999, El Mesias has been under the Missionaries of the General Board of Global Ministries. They have been led by Maribel Mojica and Rev. Samuel and Saray Calvo. As the membership of Messiah diminished, it was decided to join congregations in 2004.

The church continues to meet the needs of Hispanics in the metropolitan area, conducting GED classes in Spanish, English classes (ESL) and Spanish classes, and a weekly Spanish radio station.

How to Get There:

Take West Esplanade past the Esplanade Shopping Center. About a mile after the mall, the church will be on the right at the corner of W. Esplanade and E. Loyola Dr.



Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Bogalusa
Address	510 Avenue B
Membership	317
Founded	1907

Rev. T. V. Peters, a local preacher and school teacher from the Isabel community, preached the first Methodist sermon in Bogalusa in August 1906 in the lobby of the Colonial Hotel. In December of that year, Rev. E. N. Evans was appointed pastor. He immediately began a building program.

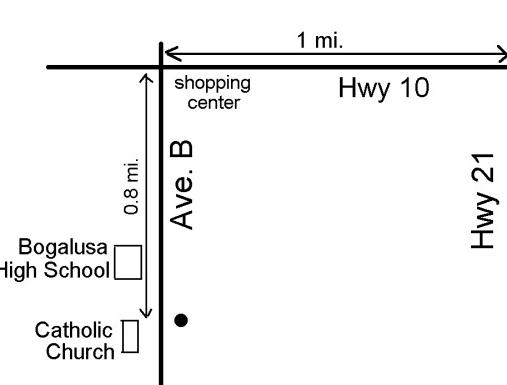
The first church building, in the 500 block of Avenue B, was completed on May 14, 1907. It was in use until the present church auditorium was completed in 1922. The parsonage property was also purchased that year. The church was remodeled in 1953.

An educational building was built in 1936. A children's and youth building was constructed in 1950. The Family Life Center was built in 1978. Property on each side of the church has been purchased for future expansion.

On August 27, 1922, the church changed its name from First Methodist Church to Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial Methodist Church.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. Hwy 41 merges into Hwy 21 at Bush. Continue on Hwy 21 to Bogalusa. Turn left onto Hwy 10. Continue on Hwy 10 and turn left at the second light onto Avenue B. There will be a shopping center on your left. Go about 0.8 mi. (you'll pass the high school on your right) and you'll see the church on your left.



Felicity United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	1220 Felicity St.
Membership	17
Founded	1850

The first pastor assigned to the church was Rev. H.N. McTyeire in 1848. The church at the corner of Felicity Street and Chestnut was dedicated on Christmas Day, 1850. The Felicity Church arose from the merger of Steele Chapel, Andrew Chapel, and St. Mary's in the 1840's. St. Mary's (Lafayette Church) began in 1830/31. The Magazine Church, known as Flatboat Church because it was built from broken-up flatboats, began in the early 1840s and was renamed the Elijah Steele Chapel. The First German Mission began in 1841 and became the Dryades Street Church (which merged with Felicity in 1906).

The original church burned down in 1887. It was rebuilt on the same site in 1888. Electric lights were installed, probably making it one of the first churches to have electricity. The hand-carved pulpit is from the original church. The pipe organ installed at that time is still in use. Many of the church's historical artifacts dating back to that time period are on display in the church's vestibule.

The first Epworth League (predecessor to today's UMY) in Louisiana was organized at Felicity in January 1891.

The roof and tower were later damaged by a September 1915 hurricane.

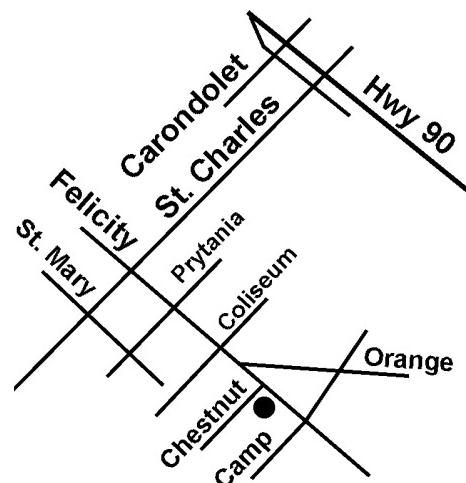
The gallery, used by African-Americans originally, has been restored. Copies of the original cathedral stained glass windows behind the pipe organ have been installed. The fellowship hall and chapel have also been restored. The white congregation of this formerly Methodist Episcopal Church, South was pastored by African-American Rev. Marva L. Mitchell at the time of this writing.

The church has been served by three pastors that went on to become bishops: Rev. McTyeire, Rev. Linus Parker, and Rev. John Christian Keener.

How to Get There:

From 1-10 East, take split that reads 90-234A Business/West Bank. Exit at St. Charles Ave. and Carondelet.; pass light at Carondelet to St. Charles Ave. Make a right turn on the St. Charles Ave., continue on until you come to Felicity St. pass Felicity St., go one block and make a left U-turn back to Felicity Street, turn right. Go three blocks towards the Mississippi River to the corner of Felicity and Chestnut Streets. Felicity is located on the corner.

From 1-10 West take the split 90W Business District to exit 234C at Carondelet St. and St. Charles Ave., turn right than follow the same directions as above.



First Street United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2309 Dryades @ First St.
Membership	976
Founded	1833

About 1833, the Soule family gave a plot of land to be used for worship by the slave servants. Initially known as the Lafayette Mission, it became known as Winans Chapel in 1848, after Rev. William Winans. After the Mississippi Mission Conference formed, the church became the First Street Methodist Episcopal Church and was one of the Conference's charter members in 1865. The 1866 Annual Conference was held there. The first two buildings from 1867 were later destroyed ... one was demolished and one was destroyed by fire.

First Street was the original home of the Thomson Biblical Institute which began in 1866. It later became part of Thomson University, which merged with Normal, which later became New Orleans University in 1873. This body later became part of Dillard.

The present church was constructed in 1894 and was modeled after the Christ Church Cathedral on St. Charles Avenue. Led by Rev. R.M. Davis, a parsonage and educational building were constructed in 1936.

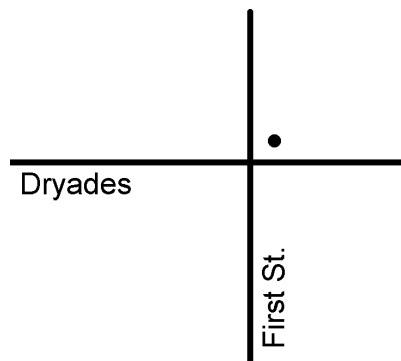
In 1946, Rev. W.T. Handy, Sr. was in charge when two lots were purchased across the street for future expansion. Under Rev. T.R.W. Harris, the church was renovated in 1952. Another lot, next to the church on Dryades, was purchased in 1965 under the leadership of Rev. George W. Carter.

In 1972, the church received a plaque marking it as an Historic Landmark Site in the city.

More land was purchased while Rev. Abraham E. Davis was pastor. A multi-purpose building was constructed and the sanctuary was renovated in the mid 1980s.

How to Get There:

From 1-10, go west on S. Claiborne Ave. and turn left onto 1st St. The church is on the NE corner of 1st and Dryades.



Fisher United Methodist Church



City	Richardson
Address	Hwy. 440
Membership	72
Founded	1868

Shortly after the Civil War, a small community was formed west of the Bogue Chitto River. Around 1868, Joshway Fisher donated a piece of his land to build a church. That original building was located several hundred yards back and east of the present church. A freshwater spring nearby offered up water that was used by many a passing traveler. The first pastor was Rev. Needham Alford.

Sometime before 1880, S. P. "Pink" Richardson donated 4 acres of land to Fisher Church. He also built a general store, a cotton gin, and a grist mill. The area became known as Richardson, though some still called it Fisher. Mr. Pink organized the first Sunday school and served as superintendent. In those days, Sunday school was for children only and was only conducted on summer afternoons.

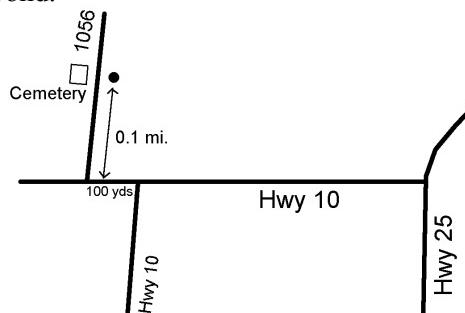
In the 1880's, timber was donated to build a new church. Ira Hux also built pews out of the donated material. This "little brown church in the vale" was in use until June 1948. In those days, revivals with "dinner on the grounds" were common. During evening services, bats would fly into the open windows and sometimes came close to knocking over the lamps at the pulpit. In June 1948, the "little brown church in the vale" was replaced by the present brick church under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Boyd.

In those early years, Fisher shared a minister with Angie, Varnado, Sunny Hill, and Mt. Herman. The Sunny Hill congregation, organized in 1920, shut its doors in 1964 due to low attendance.

A parsonage was built at Fisher in 1942 and was used until 1968. At that time, Fisher was supplied a pastor from Centenary Methodist Church. A steeple was added to the church in the mid 1970's under the leadership of Rev. Beverly Bond.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 25 towards Franklinton. About 1.15 mi. before you get to Franklinton, you will turn left onto Hwy 10. Go about 2 1/2 miles and turn right at the Richardson Community onto LA 1056. The church is on your right just down the road and the cemetery is on the left.



Fitzgerald United Methodist Church



City	Covington
Address	80158 Fitzgerald Church Rd.
Membership	199
Founded	1816

Sometime before or after 1816, Thomas J. Fitzgerald, an Episcopalian immigrant from Ireland, built a school house under a large holly tree. After attending an Episcopal church in Covington for a while, Mr. Fitzgerald started a Methodist church near his home. The first services were held in private homes off Hwy 40, near the property of B. J. Jenkins and Mrs. David Tinney. After a few years, services were held at what is now the Semaloosa Cemetery. Methodist and Baptist ministers took turns conducting services.

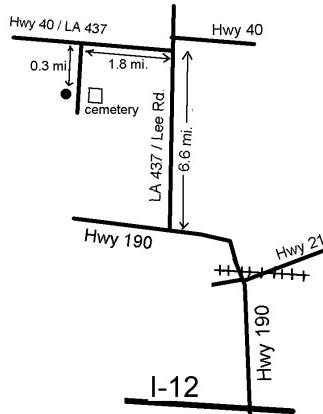
In 1915, the Salmen Lumber Company gave the church a 110 by 420 foot piece of land at the southwest corner of the cemetery. The property ran across the road extending behind the location of the present church. The value of the land at that time was \$1 an acre. Sometime between 1882 and 1908, a small boxlike church (of logs or rough 1x12s) was built on the property. It was used for a school and a Sunday school. It had a dirt floor and the benches were attached to the inner wall. It is not certain if this building was moved across the road or a new building was built.

A 24 by 40 foot church was built on the site. It faced north and had a belfry over its doorway on the northwest corner. The church has been remodeled several times over the years. When the road was changed to its present location, the church was turned to face the road. The belfry, nicknamed "Benelick" by Rankin Scott Fitzgerald, had been in bad shape and was torn down. Doors were put in the middle of the rear of the building at this time.

In 1955, 9/10 of an acre on the north side of the church was purchased from the Galloway estate. The old church was set on rollers (logs?) and moved to its present site. An educational building was also constructed at this time. In 1958, the front and side of the original building were remodeled. The church facilities now consisted of the sanctuary, a fellowship hall, four classrooms, a kitchen and restrooms. By 1961, plans were underway to construct a new sanctuary at the north end of the educational building. A parsonage was built about 1965 on 2 acres of land located on the southeast corner of Bush-Folsom Hwy 40 and Fitzgerald Church Road. In 1972, a choir room was added, carpeting was installed, an organ and pews were purchased (from First Methodist Church in Covington), and the sanctuary was enlarged.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Covington exit and head north on Hwy 190. In Covington, turn right onto LA 437 at the second light past the overpass. Drive north for 6.6 miles till you get to a caution light. Though Hwy 40 is straight ahead, turn left here onto LA 437 (Hwy 40 west). Drive 1.8 miles and turn left onto Fitzgerald Church Road (there's a church sign on the left). The church is 0.3 mi. further, on the right side of the road.



Golden Meadow United Methodist Church



City	Golden Meadow
Address	Hwy. 308 @ E. 162 nd St.
Membership	272
Founded	1933

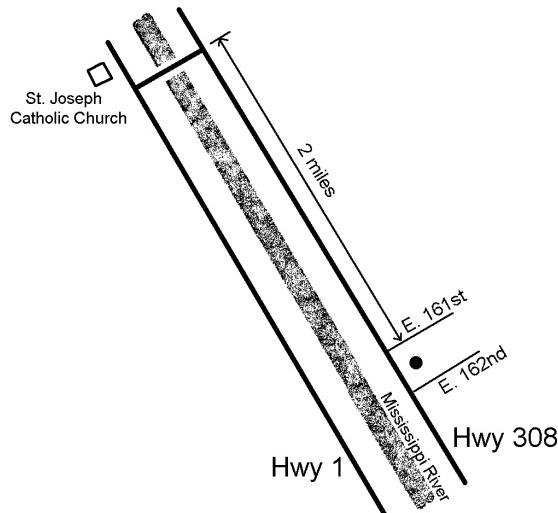
The church began in 1933. Rev. A.M. Martin came from Houma in a Model A Ford and held services (in French) under a tree at the home of Walter Hunter, Sr.

Some local residents were looking for a church that they could belong to, while still being members of the Masonic Lodge. The Catholic Church didn't allow it. There was another Protestant church in the area, but it's said that the Baptist church was burned down because some only wanted one denomination along the bayou. Walter Hunter spent more than one night keeping watch with his shotgun to prevent that from happening to the Methodists.

The current church is actually located in Galliano, across Lafourche Bayou from Golden Meadow. It was built in 1964. In 2004, it is in the process of refurbishing by its members.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 1 in Lafourche Parish. In Golden Meadow, you will get to a St. Joseph Catholic Church on the right. Take the bridge just after the church and cross Bayou Lafourche onto 308. Turn right and go 2.1 miles ... the church will be on the left, between E. 161st St. and E. 162nd St.



Grace United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2001 Iberville
Membership	114
Founded	1917

Grace United Methodist Church can be traced back to the merger of two churches. The day came when the children of Union Chapel were turned away from Sunday School because children were not allowed in the Red District (where the church was located on Bienville St.). So the leaders of the church met and decided to merge with the Pleasant Plain Methodist Church.

The Union Chapel congregation still wanted its own church, so the members soon found themselves meeting in another building by permission of the New Orleans Board. Later, a discarded horse stable was used for services. This was located on Derbigny St., between Bienville and Conti and cost them \$8 per month.

When the Pleasant Plain church was destroyed by a 1915 hurricane, the two congregations found themselves joined once again. Under the leadership of Rev. B.T. McEwen, the congregations joined together to build a new church. A Miss Sarah Jones suggested the name "Grace," and it was accepted. On the fourth Sunday in April, 1917, the members marched from the stable to the "Little Cathedral."

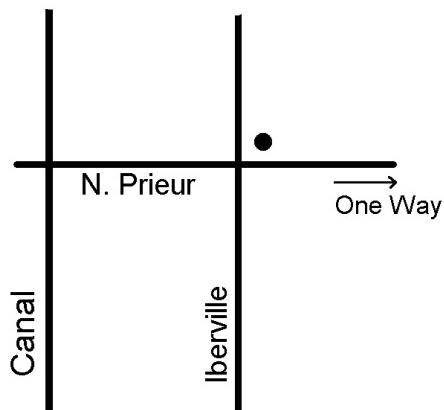
The church and parsonage have been renovated several times over the years, starting way back in 1921. For example, new carpet was added about 1930, an organ, carillons, rest rooms, and a new garage were added in the 1940's, and a sound system and flags were added in the 1950's. The church property was severely damaged by Hurricane Betsy in 1965. It took a while to repair everything, with the cornerstone for the educational building being laid in 1971.

Under the leadership of Rev. N.H. Baker (1955-1961), major renovations were made. The Fifty Club was formed and aided in raising funds for the church. A piece of adjacent property was acquired and is now occupied by the educational building.

Source: The History of Grace United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Take the Canal Blvd. exit from I-10 and head south. The street will turn to the left at the cemeteries. A couple of blocks after crossing Galvez, turn left onto N. Prieur (one-way street to the left). You'll get to Iberville after one block (one-way street to the right). The church is on the left at the corner.



Grand Isle United Methodist Church



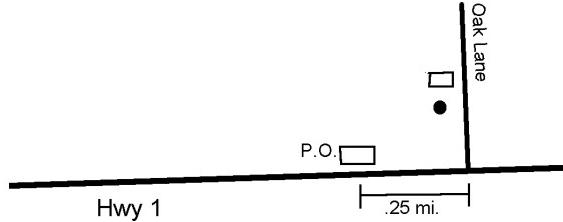
City	Grand Isle
Address	100 Oak St.
Membership	31
Founded	1956

The church began in 1956, largely due to the population influx of oilfield workers. Throughout its history, it has been on a circuit with the Golden Meadow church. The only church on the island was Catholic, but most of the workers who moved in were Protestant. So the Methodists and Baptists both organized churches to serve them.

The congregation is proud of their ministry of hospitality. The church has a living area that is offered to clergy and other church servants as a place for retreat and renewal. The waves breaking on the beach can be seen from the church's stairway.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 1 into Grand Isle. About 1/4 mile past the Post Office, turn left onto Oak Lane. The church will be on the left.



Gretna United Methodist Church



City	Gretna
Address	1309 Whitney
Membership	468
Founded	1896



Graphic of the New 2004 Facilities

The story of Gretna United Methodist Church begins in Gouldsborough (also called McDonoughville). The early services of the Gouldsborough Methodist Episcopal Church, South were held in private homes. Margaret Engler O'Connell managed to get the Mary Werlein Mission to send a "Gospel Wagon" with a preacher and organ to town in 1896. A Sunday School was soon established at the McDonough No. 26 public school. Eventually, land was purchased on Jefferson St. and a church was constructed in 1897. The name changed to McDonoughville when the town's name changed in 1903.

When McDonoughville was incorporated into Gretna in 1941, the church became the Gretna Methodist Church. Though membership continued to grow, building a new church was financially difficult. So the church was moved to a larger lot at Monroe and Anson Streets in 1947. The church was rebuilt to add classrooms and an upstairs social hall. The congregation again met at McDonough No. 26 school while construction took place.

On March 31, 1955, the old church burned down. The congregation returned to the school for services. A new church was begun and was completed in March of 1956.

To the east, a Terrytown Methodist Church was organized and land was purchased. The new congregation met at Oakwood Mall, Westside Theater, and McDonoughville No. 26 school. It soon became apparent that the property that had been purchased was too small.

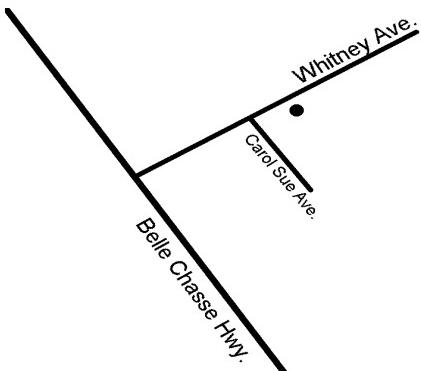
In 1969, the Terrytown and Gretna churches merged. The Terrytown property was sold, and a 5 acre lot purchased at 1309 Whitney Ave. The first service in the new church was held on July 24, 1977 and was led by Rev. Harbuck.

In 1994, several members from the St. James church in Marrero joined the congregation.

A new 450-seat, 17,000 square foot facility is planned to be completed for Labor Day 2004. Besides a pipe organ, it will have the latest audio-visual set-up to allow for modern technology.

How to Get There:

Take Belle Chasse Hwy south from the Westbank Expressway. Turn left onto Whitney Ave. Shortly after you pass Carol Sue Ave., the church will be on the right.



Harry's Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Bogalusa
Address	Marshal Warner Rd.
Membership	63
Founded	1870

In 1865, ex-slaves settled in Duffy Memorial Gardens, which is presently a cemetery. They soon constructed homes, a school and a church. Bogalusa was not yet founded. The settled area was referred to as Duffy Parish.

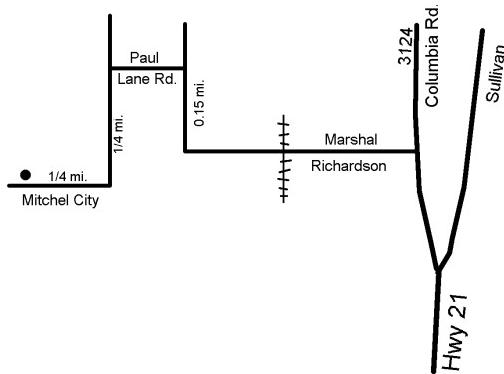
Harry's Chapel was organized in 1870 by the Bruns, Hart, Pierce, and the John families. The first minister was Reverend Robert Duffy.

In 1908, Bogalusa was organized and the church was moved to Avenue F where Warner's Fish House is currently located. The minister at that time was Rev. Richard Harry from Angie, La. The church is named after Rev. Harry.

In 1926, the church was moved to what was called the Backwoods, where it is presently located. In all, the church was moved twice and was rebuilt five times.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. Hwy 41 merges into Hwy 21 at Bush. Continue on Hwy 21 to Bogalusa. The road will branch off at a gas station. Hwy 21/Sullivan Dr. will go to the right. You need to turn to the left onto LA 3124/Columbia Rd. Turn left when you get to Marshall Richardson Rd. Go past the RR tracks and take a right on Avenue L. Take a left on Paul Lane Road, then take another left at the dead end. The road will turn right after 1/4 mi. and you'll follow Mitchell City 1/4 mi. to the church, which will be on your right.



Hartzell United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2014 Caffin Ave.
Membership	211
Founded	1927

A Methodist Mission began in 1926 at 1900 Andry Street, in the lower 9th Ward. The first members were Mr. and Mrs. James Dunson, their five children, Mrs. Mary Turner, her son, James, Mrs. Ruth Thibodeaux, Rev. J. O. Richards, Pastor of Thompson Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Daigle, another Methodist Minister, Mr. Leonard Brown, Sunday School Superintendent of Thompson Church and his two daughters. This group met at 1900 Andry Street.

In 1927, Rev. William Daily Martin and District Superintendent Rev. J.W. Turner met with the group, now meeting at Mary Turner's home on North Miro Street. Mrs. Turner was the District Superintendent's sister-in-law. The church was incorporated on March 23, 1927 and was named after Bishop Hartzell.

Three lots were purchased on August 8, 1927 for \$2,200. The two homes on the lots were used as the church and parsonage. Shortly after Rev. L.V. Blunt's arrival in 1928, the church building burned. Services were held in the front two rooms of the parsonage for several years. Rev. D.L. Riley, a carpenter by trade, began rebuilding the church in 1934. A 1942 storm destroyed the still uncompleted church when Rev. T.E. McElroy was pastor. After Rev. C.D. Small (another carpenter by trade) arrived in 1943, the church was finally completed.

During Rev. Nathaniel Paul Williams' twenty-one year tenure, Annual Conference was held at Hartzell (1961).

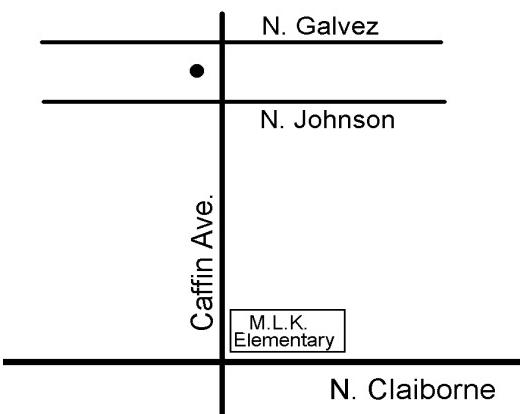
After being damaged by hurricane Betsy, the church was rebuilt in 1966. Services were temporarily held at Little Bethel African Methodist Church and Church of God during construction.

Rev. James S. Davidson (who had been a member of Hartzell) served the church from 1978 to 1986. The church's debt was retired under his leadership.

In 1989, additions and renovations were made on the church.

How to Get There:

From I-10, go east on N. Claiborne Ave. (Hwy 39). About 1/2 mile after crossing the Intercoastal, turn left onto Caffin Ave. (You'll see the Martin Luther King Elementary School on the left at the intersection.) Head north on Caffin past N. Johnson. The church will be on the left.



Hartzell – Mt. Zion United Methodist Church



City	Slidell
Address	U.S. Hwy. 190 E.
Membership	465
Founded	1967

Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1882 at 544 Brakefield St. in Slidell. It was remodeled in 1897 under the leadership of Rev. C. D. Crockett. As the congregation grew, it became apparent by 1939 that a new church was needed and a building drive was begun.

Hartzell had its beginnings as Napoleon Methodist Church. Seeing the need for a new church, a new building was constructed on Indian Village Road in 1899 and it was renamed Hartzell after the bishop.

For many years, Hartzell and Mt. Zion were on the same circuit. On August 26, 1967, the churches merged under the leadership of Rev. James S. Davidson and became the Hartzell-Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

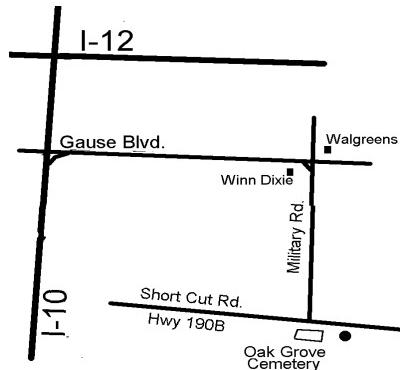
In 1969, the present church was constructed at a cost of \$92,000. The consecration and dedication services were held at the same time. The congregation was able to occupy the new church debt free. A parsonage was constructed while Rev. O. W. Christopher was pastor. The church was air-conditioned while Rev. N. P. Perry was pastor. In 1979, a new church organ and a new van were purchased for the church.

In the mid 1980's, several improvements were made. The church received new pew cushions, a paramount, a paved sidewalk, a new coat of paint, and a fence around the parsonage grounds. The church received its first full-time minister with the arrival of Rev. Alonzo Campbell in 1990. Under his leadership, the church established a successful tithing program, a Boy Scout troop, a Youth choir, Thursday night prayer service, Bible class, and many other programs.

The first full-time female pastor was appointed to Hartzell-Mt. Zion in 1996. Under the leadership of Rev. Darlene Moore-James, the church has organized the steppers, a mass choir, a Bible study, a new church van, and better church lighting. The church has recently been involved in a finance campaign for the Family Life Center.

How to Get There:

Head east on I-10 out of New Orleans. Take the second Slidell exit. Head east on Gause Blvd. You will get to an intersection with a Winn Dixie on the right, and a Walgreens ahead on the left. Turn right onto Military Rd. and go about 2 miles. You will reach Hwy 190 (Short Cut Rd.) and will see Oak Grove Cemetery across the highway. Turn left and you will see the church (on the right) after about 100 yards.



Haven Trinity United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	1238 Joliet @ Plum
Membership	102
Founded	1883; 1869



Trinity UMC

Haven Methodist Episcopal Church, South was purchased from the Carrollton German Methodist Episcopal Church, South for \$1000.. It was founded in 1883 under pastor Madison C. B. Mason. Haven is named after Bishop Gilbert Haven (1821-1880). On March 24, 1897, it was incorporated as Haven Methodist Episcopal Church of Carrollton, LA. It was named after Bishop Gilbert Haven. The cornerstone was laid on October 16, 1898.

On March 30, 1897, a parsonage was purchased for \$830 at the corner of Jefferson and Plum Streets. The church was renovated in 1909 under the leadership of Rev. Pierre Landry.. After a dispute among the membership in 1911, the congregation split. Part of the membership left to form the St. Paul A.M.E. Church.

After years of growth, the old church was torn down in 1927 and replaced with a stucco structure at a cost of \$12,000. Over the years, many improvements have been made by the hard work and donations of its members. The current building was rededicated on February 13, 1983 under the leadership of Rev. R.L. Jones. Five ministers and one local preacher have come out of Haven.

Trinity began as Simpson Chapel (named after Bishop Matthew Simpson) in 1869 on Camp St. The first pastor was Rev. Joseph Gould. The church was later moved to Coliseum St., and then to its location at 1028 Valence St. It served Dillard University. By 1900, membership stood at 242 and there were 220 on the Sunday School rolls.

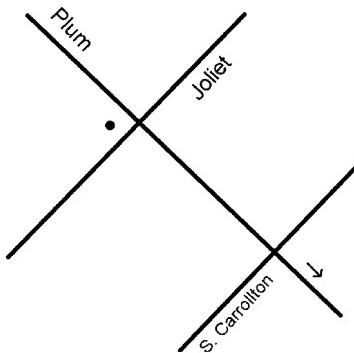
Rev. Henry Taylor led the church in erecting a new \$150,000 church. When the depression came and they couldn't afford the payments, the church was sold at public auction ... with \$35,000 still owed on the pipe organ. Rev. W. Scott Chinn led the community in raising money to pay off the debt and regain the church. In 1913, the name of the church was changed to Trinity.

At the dawn of the 21st century, the Trinity congregation merged with Haven.

Source: History of Haven United Methodist Church; The Story of Trinity Church

How to Get There:

From the I-10, go west on S. Claiborne Ave. Turn left onto S. Carrollton. After about 10 blocks, turn right at Willow. Go 4 blocks and turn left on Joliet. The church is on the right at the corner of Plum and Joliet.



Hayes Chapel United Methodist Church



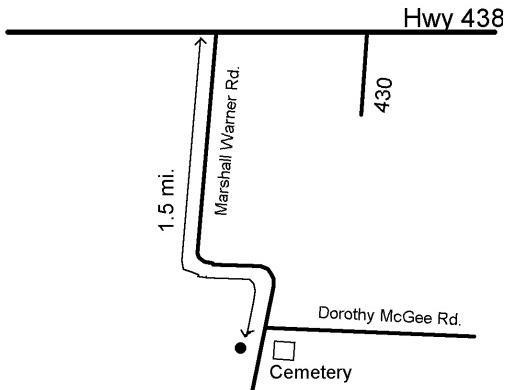
City	Hackley
Address	Old Columbia Rd.
Membership	48
Founded	1882

A Methodist congregation was organized in 1882 under the leadership of Rev. Adolph Mitchell in the Hackley area. It was named the Hayes Methodist Episcopal Church. It has been located in two previous locations before settling down to its present site. Rev. L. A. Lester, who was pastor of both Winan and Hayes for 15 years, led each of the congregations in constructing a new church.

The church has had a strong Board of Trustees and a wealth of church leaders over the years. In August, 1996, the sanctuary underwent extensive renovations.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 25 to Franklinton. Turn left at the first traffic light. Turn right at Alford St. Turn left 2 blocks down at the first stop sign. Take 11th St., which turns into LA 430, north for about 10 miles. When you get to LA 438, turn left and go about 1/4 mile. Turn left onto Marshall Warner Rd. Go 1.5 miles down the road, through and couple of curves, and you'll see the church on the right. A cemetery is on the left.



Jefferson United Methodist Church



City	Metairie
Address	3828 Leila Place
Membership	70
Founded	1947

In 1946, a group of concerned mothers organized a Sunday School that met at Deckbar School. In December of 1947, a group of people began meeting in the home of Mrs. Emile Wagner. The group was organized as the Deckbar Methodist Church and was pastored by Rev. Ed Barksdale. The first quarterly conference listed 15 members. The congregation moved to an Army barracks on Clairmont St. in late 1948. It was owned by Mr. George Hingle and was brought here from Mississippi. At the first board meeting, the name of the church was changed to Jefferson.

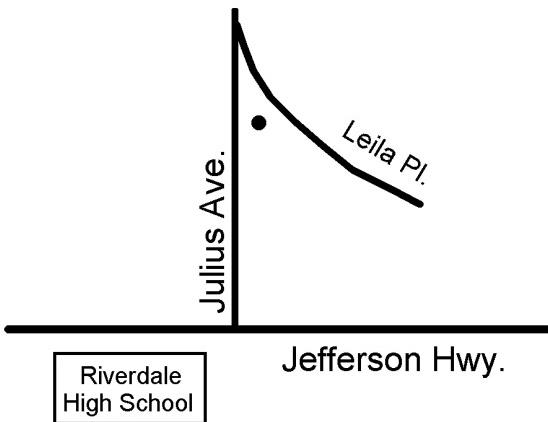
That same month, in December 1948, the church's present property on Leila Place was purchased. A church was soon constructed and the first service held there on April 2, 1950. A two story Sunday School building was completed in February of 1952. In 1953, the sanctuary was enlarged.

A parsonage was purchased in 1957 at 700 W. Jefferson Park. The parsonage was renovated in 1958. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1960. In 1968, a new parsonage was purchased at 527 Jefferson Park Avenue.

Source: Jefferson United Methodist Church, A Brief History

How to Get There:

From Hwy 90 (Clearview), just north of the Huey P. Long bridge, head east on Jefferson Hwy. You'll see Riverdale Middle School on the right and there will be a Julius Ave. on the left. Turn left onto Julius. The church will be just ahead on the right.



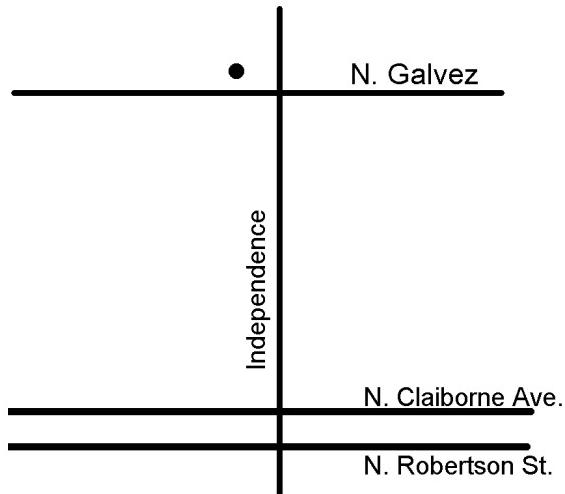
John Wesley United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	3625 N. Galvez
Membership	35
Founded	

How to Get There:

From I-10, go east on N. Claiborne Ave. (Hwy 39). About 1/2 mile after crossing some RR tracks, turn left onto Independence. Head north to N. Galvez. The church will be at the NW corner of N. Galvez and Independence.



First United Methodist Church - Kenner

City	Kenner
Address	1001 Moisant Dr.
Membership	312
Founded	1950



The Kenner began with an organization meeting held in the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Lester. The first worship service was held in a laundromat at the corner of Airline Hwy and Moisant Dr. on Easter Sunday, 1950, and was led by Rev. R.H. Jamieson. A portable organ was borrowed from Tulane University.

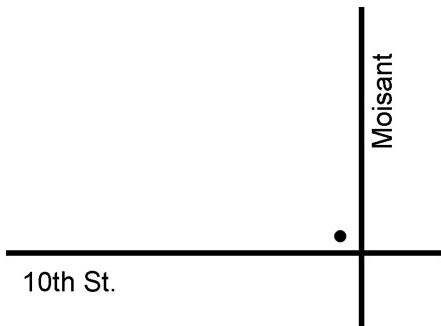
The church was organized on May 3, 1950 with 25 charter members. The T.L. James company bought a piece of land for the church. Mr. George Williams donated \$1000 to complete the deal. The first building was the Fellowship Hall. The first service was held there on Thanksgiving Day in 1950. The congregation sat on "carpenters horses". Ground was broken for the sanctuary on October 21, 1956, under the leadership of Rev. Dan Felder. The sanctuary was completed in April, 1957 at a cost of \$74,000.

By 1957, the Sunday School had grown to 500 members. But tragedy struck on March 3, 1959. The sanctuary and part of the education building burned down. The organ and most of the church records were also destroyed. By June of that same year, the damage had been repaired and the new education building was in use. In 1982, the Kenner Adult Day Health Care Center was opened ... the only one of its kind in Jefferson Parish.

Source: "A Brief History of the Kenner United Methodist Church" by Gertrude Burke

How to Get There:

Take Williams Blvd. south past Airline Hwy.
Turn left when you get to 10th St. Go down a couple of blocks. The church will be on the left at the corner of 10th St. and Moisant.



Korean United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	3900 St. Charles Ave.
Membership	49
Founded	1983

The Korean United Methodist Church was founded at Rayne Memorial in 1983, with Rev. Han Lee appointed as its pastor. The Hannah Chapel at Rayne was used as the sanctuary. Rev. Han Lee was followed by Rev. Chang Lee, who served the church from 1984 to 1998. The following year (1999), Rev. Duckyun Cha was appointed as pastor.

In 1999, the church began publishing its Korean UMC newsletter. Bible Study class began in 2000. In 2002, a church building committee was formed. Director Jong Hoon Park also began work in 2002. The end of 2002 was marked by the church's presiding over a Christmas Musical Service of Korean churches.

In 2003, the church began its own website, www.nokumc.com.

How to Get There:

From I-10, head west on S. Claiborne Ave. Turn left onto Gen. Taylor. When you get to St. Charles, you'll see the church on the right at the SW corner.

St. Charles



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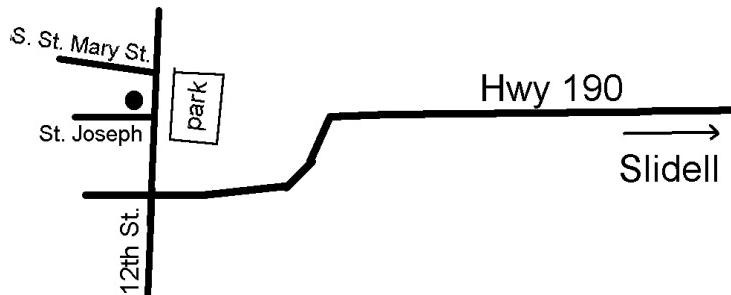
Lacombe United Methodist Church



City	Lacombe
Address	St. Joseph Street
Membership	124
Founded	

How to Get There:

Head west from Slidell on Hwy 190. When you get to Lacombe ... just past a True Value Hardware, you'll see a church sign. Turn right onto 12th St. A park is on your right and the church is 1 block down to the left.



LaHarpe United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	1823 LaHarpe St.
Membership	176
Founded	1866

Soon after the end of the Civil War, the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New York purchased land from Joseph Chevalier for \$570. The land was made up of two lots bound by Roman, Prieur, LaHarpe, and Lapeyrouse Streets. The church was led by W. Scott Chinn when it was founded in 1866. He also pastored the church for two other tenures over the next decade. Some even called it Scott Chinn's church. The members of the new church even helped to clear the ground to hasten the construction of the church. By 1867, there were 70 members on the roll. The church had been built and was valued at \$3700.

From 1874 to 1904, the church had its share of problems. Not only was money scarce, but the church burned down twice. After the 1904 fire, C.D. Crockett supervised the reconstruction, but finding the funds was difficult.

Many new members were added in the early 20th century. The church school had grown to 30 members. Four of the students worked on a plan to increase attendance. Soon, the enrollment grew to over 100 members.

By the 1930's, the church was actively working on paying off its debt. But the 1930's were lean years, and it went slowly. Membership declines in the 30's and 40's; some feel this was because of the money situation. In the 1940's, the Board of Missions stepped in to pay off the church's debts when creditors threatened to sell off the church. The Board of Missions was repaid in 1947-48. T.E. Elroy came up with the idea of selling blocks for \$100 each. Enough was raised to pay off the debt and put some on the parsonage building fund. The mortgage was burned in 1948.

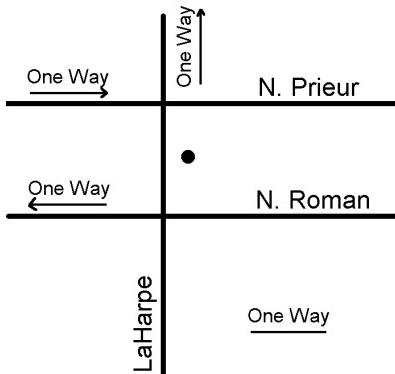
The church finally built a parsonage in the 1950's. They used the money they had saved and \$1000 from the Board of Missions.

Under the direction of Rev. Andrew Douglas, who arrived in 1968, a \$10,000 renovation was done on the church. Improvements included carpeting, new ceiling tiles, a carillon, air conditioning, and so on. A lounge and pastor's study were built in the basement. In 1975-76, the church purchased a piano and an organ.

Source: History of LaHarpe United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Take the St. Bernard Ave. exit from Hwy 610. Head south for a little over a mile. Turn right on N. Roman (one-way street to the right). Turn right onto LaHarpe (one-way street to the right). The church is on the right.



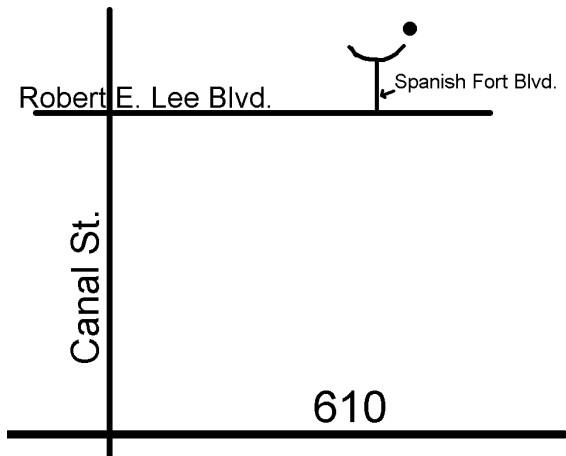
Lake Vista United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	6645 Spanish Fort Blvd.
Membership	246
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take the Canal Blvd. exit off of Hwy 610 and head north. After almost 2 miles, turn right onto Robert E. Lee Blvd. After about a mile, you'll see City Park on the right. Turn left when you get to Spanish Fort Blvd. When the street Comes to a fork, turn right. The church will be just ahead.



First United Methodist Church - LaPlace



City	LaPlace
Address	301 Bamboo Rd.
Membership	286
Founded	1937



Church built in 1966

Protestant services began in the LaPlace area in 1931 when a Presbyterian missionary (L.B. Koenig) canvassed the area. He soon began a Sunday School, with worship services started the following year. In 1937, Rev. H.M. Wolfe ... the Methodist pastor at Garyville ... began serving the LaPlace congregation and organized a Methodist church. He pledged \$500 if the people came up with a matching \$500. Using land donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Lasseigne, Sr., the first sanctuary was completed in October 1938.

The Sunday School was re-established in 1858 when an education building was constructed. Under the leadership of Rev. C.D. Pinkard, a children's choir, MYF, and a junior board of stewards were organized.

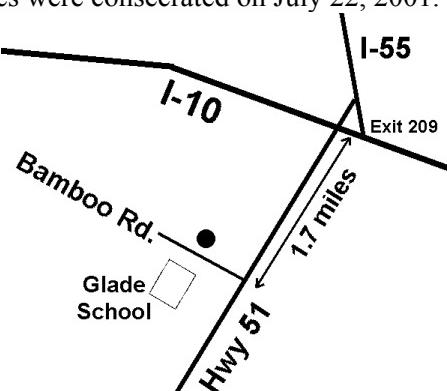
The church was destroyed by hurricane Betsy on September 9, 1965. The congregation did manage to save the altar furniture, two stained glass windows, the processional cross, the pews, a piano, and the cornerstone. Rev. J.D. Hodges held services in the education building while the church was rebuilt. The ground-breaking service was led by D.S. Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Sr. on November 20, 1966. The church was completed under the leadership of Rev. J.H. Tinnin. It included the materials from the previous building, including using the stained glass windows in the new pastor's study.

As LaPlace grew, the church needed room to expand and bought land on Bamboo Road, just off Highway 51. On September 16, 1997, the church voted to begin relocation. The existing church was sold in 1999 to New Life Ministries, and the congregation met at the Riverlands Shopping Center during construction. The new facilities were consecrated on July 22, 2001.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 61 west out of New Orleans. In LaPlace, turn right onto Hwy 51. Turn left on Bamboo Rd. Grace School will be on the left and the church will be on the right.

If heading to LaPlace on I-10, take the Hwy 51 exit and head south on Hwy 51. Turn right on Bamboo Rd., 1.7 miles south of I-10. The church is on the right and can be seen from the highway.



Live Oak United Methodist Church



City	Angie
Address	65701 Live Oak Rd.
Membership	52
Founded	1870

In 1870, Rev. Joshua Parker first held a religious meeting in the area. The small group called themselves Shady Grove Mission. In 1871, the Conference granted recognition to the mission. The following year, in 1872, Rev. Charles Downs was appointed as pastor and received \$50 from the Board of Missions and church extension. The mission had 40 members at that time. It had grown to 100 members by 1876. In the 1890s, the area held so many great celebrations and balls that the name was changed from Shady Grove Mission to Ball Town.

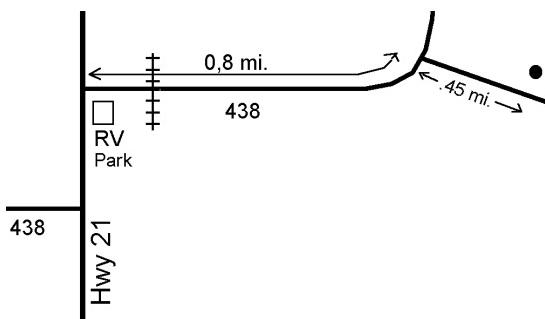
In 1901, tragedy struck when Rev. Alexander Donaly and his daughter were killed in a mass killing during an evening brawl. Rev. Donaly was followed by Rev. David Kilbourne who came (as it was now called) in 1902. The first pastor of Live Oak Church was Rev. T. W. Williams in 1913. The church was on the Angie circuit.

Although we know that the church was moved twice and rebuilt three times, the records lack much more detail. We do know that it was rebuilt in 1926 while Rev. S. C. Williams was pastor. In 1963, the wood church was sold to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Horn, and a new block building was constructed. Rev. A. E. Franklin was pastor at that time. A fellowship hall and restrooms were added in 1971 under the leadership of Rev. Isaiah McCoy. The parsonage was purchased from Oliver Brown in 1975.

In 1980, Rev. Robert Brown led the congregation in starting new classes, renovations, and programs ... such as Vacation Bible School. Rev. Eddie Francis was in charge in the late 1980s as the church underwent remodeling and new hymnals were purchased. In the mid 1990s, Rev. Oscar Tippin, Jr. led the congregation in further church improvements (ie. exterior brick), the purchase of a new organ, and the construction of a nursery and choir room.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. Hwy 41 merges into Hwy 21 at Bush. Continue north on Hwy 21 to Angie. Turn right onto LA 438, just past the RV park on your right side. Go past the RR tracks. The road will curve to the left. You will see a road to the right (0.8 mil. from when you turned off Hwy 21). Turn right on the road and go down about 1/2 mile to the church.



Luling United Methodist Church



City	Luling
Address	1001 Paul Maillard Rd.
Membership	210
Founded	1954

On the second Sunday in September, 1953, Rev. John T. Redmon led 7 people in a service at the American Legion building in Luling. When the Lion Oil Company opened in town, interest in forming a Methodist church increased. The decision to start the church was made on May 6, 1954. There were 25 charter members, led by Rev. Virgil D. Morris.

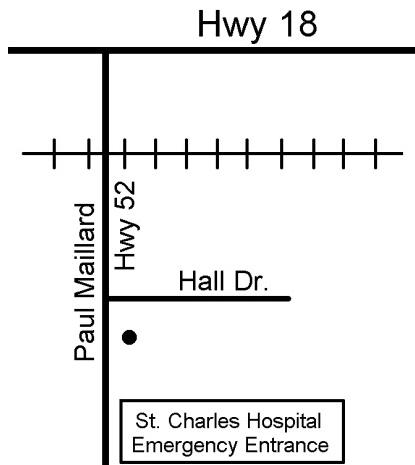
The first pastor appointed to the church was Rev. Roland K. Frederich in 1954. Though they continued to meet in the American Legion building, a parsonage was purchased. On April 20, 1955, land was donated for \$1500 through the generosity of Mr. William, Edmund, and Benjamin Talbots. In September 1955, a groundbreaking ceremony for the Fellowship Hall was led by Bishop Paul E. Martin. This would be the first Methodist church on the west bank of St. Charles Parish. In 1960, an education annex was constructed. The old parsonage was sold, and a new one built on the church property.

In September of 1965, services were temporarily held in the Monsanto Recreation Hall when hurricane Betsy damaged the church. In 1968, a second education annex was completed. The present sanctuary was constructed in 1980-1981 and was consecrated on October 14, 1990.

Source: "A Brief History of Luling United Methodist Church" by Joanne Naylor.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take Hwy 310 south, cross the Miss. River, and exit onto Hwy 18. OR ... From Hwy 90, take Hwy 310 north and take the exit just before the bridge onto Hwy 18. Turn right onto Hwy 18. In Luling, turn right onto Paul Maillard Rd. (also called Hwy 52). After about .7 miles, the church will be on the left, just before the St. Charles Hospital's Emergency Entrance.



Mary's Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Varnado
Address	Jones Creek Rd.
Membership	135
Founded	1907

In 1907, a group of about 30 families from Live Oak Church decided to organize a church in their own community of Varnado. The first services were held in a brush arbor under a small shaded area. Rev. J. W. C. Means, a supply pastor, was handling the charge. Rev. T. W. Williams became the first pastor of the circuit in 1913. Later on, Dudley and Mary Lampton donated an acre of land so that a church could be built. Property adjoining the church (3/4 acre) was later purchased from Charles Wilson.

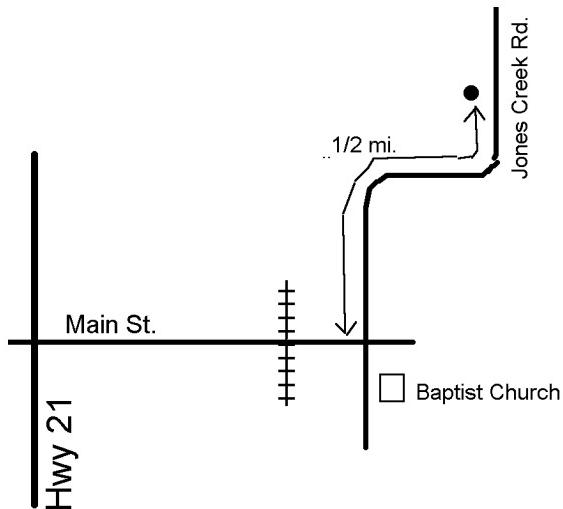
The original wooden church was torn down in 1946. Under the leadership of Rev. S. G. Reed, a new block building was constructed. The congregation consisted of about 50 members at that time. Mary's Chapel was completed in 1958 under the leadership of Rev. A. E. Franklin and new pews were purchased. In 1966, the congregation saw the need for more room. Working together, an educational wing was soon constructed. The chairs were donated by members. Air conditioning was installed later that year. Restrooms were added in 1970. Rev. Isaiah McCoy let the congregation in a building renovation in 1971. The church received new floors, carpeting, and the pulpit and altar were remodeled.

By the late 1970's, it became apparent that a new sanctuary was needed. They began setting aside all money collected on fourth Sundays for the building fund. The new sanctuary was finally completed by the end of the 1980's.

Source: 1993 Program booklet

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. Hwy 41 merges into Hwy 21 at Bush. Continue north on Hwy 21 to Varnado. Turn onto LA 436-1. There's a Hibernia Bank on your left and a blinking light at this intersection. Go past the RR tracks and turn left onto Jones Creek Road. The road will curve to the right and then to the left. The church will be on your left, about 1/2 mile down Jones Creek Road.



Metairie United Methodist Church



City	Metairie
Address	3741 Pontiac St.
Membership	177
Founded	1953

The Severn Methodist Church began on March 29, 1953 with 36 members. The service, led by Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr., was held in the auditorium of Ella Dolhonde Elementary School at 219 Severn Avenue. When Rev. Dawson was reappointed a few months later, leadership of the congregation was taken by Rev. Robert Jamieson, pastor at St. Paul's. The congregation was later put onto a circuit with Felicity and pastored by Rev. John Winn.

A two story duplex was purchased at 612 Severn Avenue. The rooms were used as classrooms, and the basement served as the sanctuary. The basement also doubled as a fellowship hall. By 1958, the congregation had outgrown its home.

A 1 1/2 acre site was purchased at 3741 Pontiac St. and the name was changed to Metairie Methodist Church.

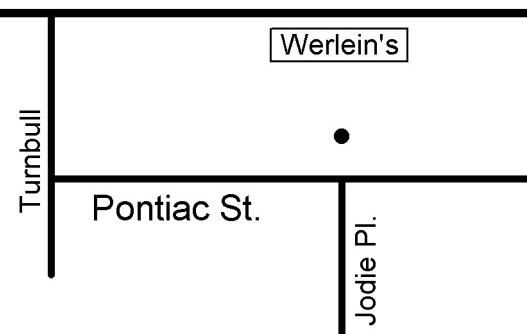
The first parsonage was located on Clearview Drive. When the road became a major thoroughfare, the site was thought to be unsafe and a new parsonage was purchased at 5613 Ruth St.

The Metairie United Methodist Church, sandwiched between two larger churches, has been referred to as the "Little Church With a Big Heart."

How to Get There:

From Veterans Mem. Blvd. (about 1/2 mile west of the Lakeside Mall at Causeway Blvd.), turn south onto Turnbull Dr. After one block, turn left onto Pontiac St. The Church will be on the left, opposite Jodie Pl. on the right.

Veterans Memorial



Mount Zion United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2700 Louisiana Ave.
Membership	547
Founded	1870

The Mount Zion church was organized in 1870 as a mission station. Land was purchased on Jackson Avenue for \$900 on June 25, 1872. Members met in homes until it was built. They applied for a charter on May 17, 1873. Due to some complications, it was a couple of years before the first church was completed. It later hosted the Annual Conference in 1896. School was held in the lower portion of the building.

That first church was later destroyed by a hurricane in 1915. The congregation worshipped in the basement, and then in other facilities (at the corner of Fourth and Robertson, and at the Second Baptist Church) while the church was rebuilt. Revs. J.O. and T.A. Brown led in the rebuilding, which took six years. It was completed under the leadership of Rev. B.J. Reddix, though the school was not reopened. The church hosted the Annual Conference that year (1921), led by the Church's first black bishop, Robert Elijah Jones.

While Rev. William Handy, Sr. served the church in the 1930s, Protestant ministers began wearing robes. A class system of leaders also began during his tenure.

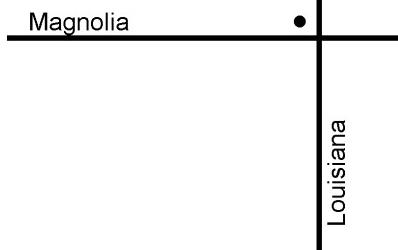
Under the leadership of Rev. Robert F. Harrington in the late 1940s, land at the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Magnolia Street was purchased for a new larger church.

In the early 1950s, when the Wesley Church was forced to move, they met with Mt. Zion for a while. After Mt. Zion's new church was completed in the summer of 1952 (under the leadership of Rev. Robert D. Hill), they sold the Jackson Avenue church to Wesley for their use. Annual Conference was again held in the newly completed church (dedicated in 1958).

An education and activities building was constructed in the 1960s under the leadership of Rev. Robert F. Harrington. Renovations on the building took place in 1998-99.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west. Turn left onto Louisiana Ave. After a couple of blocks, you'll get to Magnolia. The church is at the NW corner of Louisiana Ave. and Magnolia.



Munholland United Methodist Church



City	Metairie
Address	1201 Metairie Rd.
Membership	1981
Founded	1936

Though a survey of Metairie in 1936 found little evidence to support a new church formation, Susie May Munholland and others pressed the issue. A series of meetings at the Metairie High School auditorium led to the organization of the Metairie Methodist Church on October 22, 1936. There were 33 charter members, led by Rev. Jolly B. Harper (pastor at St. Mark's).

Services were first held at the Metairie High School. With the help of a \$500 donation by Mrs. Munholland, land on the corner of Metairie Road and Elmeer Place was purchased for \$1500 on May 27, 1937. Mrs. Munholland also donated her home at 232 Elmeer Place to be used as a parsonage; she lived at the back of the home. She also gave sacrificially to the church. In 1938, the church was renamed Munholland Memorial Methodist Church in memory of her contributions and of her husband, Rev. C.T. Munholland. He served as a Methodist circuit rider in Louisiana from 1882 to 1907.

Construction began on September 1, 1938 on a two-story brick education building. Rev. Karl Tooke was pastor, contractor, foreman, carpenter, and laborer for the church. By 1940, a new sanctuary was under construction. Services were first held in the new auditorium on January 5, 1941. The dedication service, led by Bishop A. Frank Smith, was held on May 18, 1941.

A used pipe organ was purchased for \$700 and installed in 1942. The church pews were added in early 1943. A new \$75,000 education building was added to the original building in early 1949. A second floor was added to the addition in 1950.

In 1952, work began on renovating the chancel and adding a balcony, pastor's study, and classrooms. In 1957, a new \$200,000 education building was completed under the leadership of Rev. Edward W. Harris. In November 1960, the church acquired a new parsonage at 1357 Homestead Avenue. A second parsonage was acquired the following September at 1203 Metairie Road.

The church had to be repaired after being damaged by hurricane Betsy in 1965. To shorten the name, Memorial was dropped from the church's title in 1970.

Source: "Golden Jubilee, Some Highlights of the Past"

How to Get There:

Take the Metairie Rd. exit from I-10. Head west on Metairie Rd. The church is on the NW corner of Metairie Rd. and Elmeer Ave.



Napoleon Avenue United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2524 Napoleon Ave.
Membership	20
Founded	1842; 1923

In 1842, Rev. Peter Schmucker traveled to New Orleans to establish German Methodism. He began preaching in the area and bought a lot on Melicierte (Erato) Street for \$800. A church was built by September and Rev. Carl Bremer was appointed as pastor of the First German Methodist Church in 1843. In the 1850s, a new church was built on Dryades Street. That was replaced by a brick church in the early 1860s.

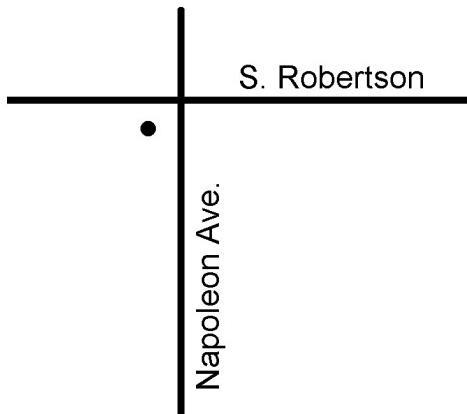
A new church was built on Franklin Street in the spring of 1872. The St. Charles Avenue (Ames) church merged with them in 1918. Shortly after Rev. Phil Deschner was appointed to the church on November 14, 1918, work began on a new church. A site on Napoleon Avenue was selected and purchased on February 9, 1920 for about \$13,000. The old Franklin Street church was sold and became the Peoples Community Center. The new church was completed in 1922 and was dedicated on January 7, 1923. One-third of the \$120,000 cost was donated by the Meyers family.

The church was built of dark red matt brick in the Gothic style. It contained a Moeller pipe organ with over 500 pipes. Its education and recreation wing faced South Robertson Street.

Source: A Century of Service

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west. Turn left onto Napoleon Ave. Head south about 4 blocks. The church is on the SW corner of S. Robertson and Napoleon Ave.



Newell United Methodist Church



City	Mandeville
Address	229 LaMarque St.
Membership	71
Founded	1865

Newell Chapel was established in the early days of the Mississippi Mission Conference, which first met in December 1865. Its design was to educate African-Americans for the ministry. The original structure stood where the current church now stands.

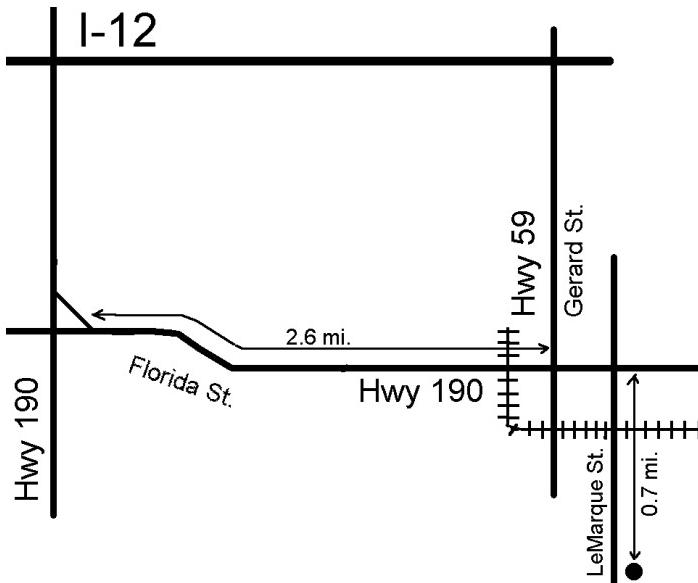
The church was rebuilt in 1886. Under the leadership of Rev. G.C. Hayward, it was remodeled in 1917.

In 1971, the present church was built.

The church's first anniversary celebration, for its 111th anniversary, was held while Rev. Nathaniel Perry served as pastor.

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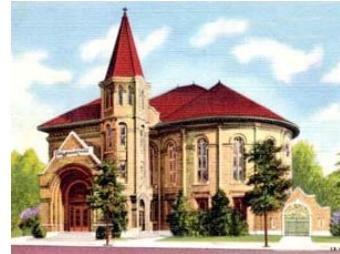
From I-12, take the Mandeville-Covington exit and head south. When you get to the Hwy 190 intersection, turn left and head east. Go 2.6 miles and turn right onto LaMarque St. The church is 0.7 mi. ahead on the left.



First United Methodist Church – New Orleans



City	New Orleans
Address	3401 Canal St.
Membership	191
Founded	1825



1907-1956

Although the first Methodist circuit rider arrived in New Orleans in 1805 (Elisha Bowman), a church was not established for 2 decades. In 1824, when Benjamin Drake was appointed pastor, Edward McGehee bought a lot for the church. The first church, 48' by 38' by 18' high, was soon built and was dedicated in June of that year. It had balconies on 3 sides for black members.

In 1835, property was purchased at Carondelet and Poydras for a larger church. Edward McGehee again helped out in a big way with financial contributions. This church was burned in 1851, so that a new church was erected further down Carondelet St. This 1851 church now serves as the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The new church, completed in 1853, was known as the Carondelet Methodist Church.

In 1903, property was purchased at 1108 St. Charles Ave. A new church, called First Methodist Church, was completed in 1907. When an approach to the Mississippi River bridge had to be built, the 1907 church had to be vacated by the summer of 1956. So the congregation merged with the Canal St. Methodist Church at 4140 Canal St. The joint membership met for the last service on St. Charles St. on August 24, 1956.

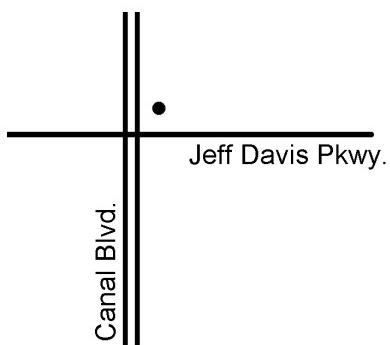
The merged congregations purchased property at the corner of Canal St. and Jeff Davis and a new church was constructed. The first service was held on October 30, 1960.

That same year, the Child Care Center was created. In 1993, the parking lot was paved.

Source: A History of First United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Take the Canal Blvd. exit from I-10 and head south.
The street will turn to the left at the cemeteries.
You'll see the church on the left, just before Jeff Davis Pkwy.



Ninde Chapel United Methodist Church



City	LaPlace
Address	125 Ash
Membership	4
Founded	



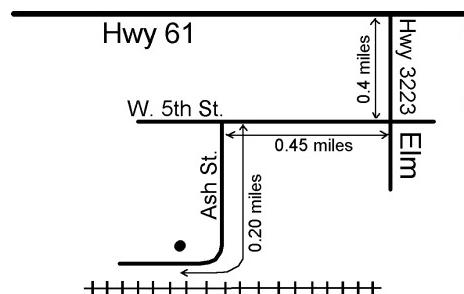
Bishop Ninde

The church was destroyed in 1929. The current building was built in 1954 under the leadership of Rev. O.J.D. Rainey. The trustees at that time were Mr. H. Williams and Willie James C.H.R. The cornerstone was laid on March 21, 1954.

The church is named after Methodist Episcopal Bishop William Xavier Ninde.

How to Get There:

Head west on Hwy 61 (Airline Hwy) though Laplace. On the west side of town, turn left onto Elm St. (Hwy 3233). Go down 0.4 miles to W. 5th St. Make a right turn and go down almost 1/2 mile. Turn left onto Ash St. Follow the street till it reaches the RR tracks and turns right. The church will be just past the turn on the right.



North Cross United Methodist Church



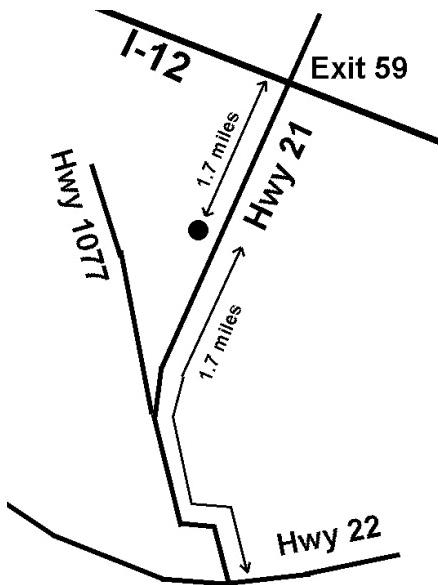
City	Madisonville
Address	Hwy 21
Membership	93
Founded	1999

As growth occurred in the western area of St. Tammany Parish, the decision was made to start a new church in the area. Twelve acres of land was purchased just north of Madisonville on Hwy 21 (picture above). In June 1999, Rev. Flint Shea was appointed to begin organizing the new church. As of 2004, services were being held at the Maritime Museum in Madisonville while funds were being raised for the construction of the church facilities.

The first building will be a 9,000 square foot multipurpose unit, with seating for 300. It will include a large meeting area, a kitchen, storage, office space, restrooms, a prayer room, meeting rooms, and a nursery. The church will be equipped with audio-visual technology as well. Parking is planned for 150 cars.

How to Get There:

Take exit 59 and head south (towards Lake Ponchartrain) on Hwy 21. The church site will be on the right after 1.7 miles. If heading north from Madisonville, it's 1.7 miles north of Hwy 22..



Parker Memorial United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	1130 Nashville Ave.
Membership	83
Founded	1876

In 1876, river boat captain Hampton Mears wanted to have his children raised as Methodists. He offered local preacher James D. Parker his home as a meeting place. Mr. Parker was from the Rayne Church, which was too far for the children to walk. As the group grew, a larger room on Laurel Street (belonging to Charles Walker) was used for meetings. The group kept moving and growing. Mr. Parker then began asking for money to build a church.

In 1880, land was purchased at Constance and Octavia. The first church was built in 1882 and named Parker Chapel. The offering at the dedication service (\$700) was enough to pay off the outstanding debts on the new church. In 1886, Parker Chapel was assigned to Rev. George Mandeville, pastor at the Carrollton Avenue Church. By 1889, there were 169 members. In 1890 two lots were purchased on Jefferson Avenue and Magazine Street. After the chapel was moved to the new location, a tower, vestibule, and classrooms were added. Rev. Franklin N. Parker was the pastor at that time.

After James D. Parker died in 1895, the church was renamed Parker Memorial Methodist Church in his honor in 1897. A parsonage was bought in 1897 at 734 Nashville Avenue.

The cornerstone for the present church was laid in 1904 under the leadership of Rev. K.W. Dodson. It was completed during the pastorate of Rev. Atkinson (1907-1911). The church debt was paid off by 1917. An education building was purchased while Rev. P.M. Caraway served as pastor (1927-28). The old parsonage was sold in 1928, and a new parsonage was purchased on Eleonore Street. Shortly after, the church began installing stained glass windows as memorials.

An adult class begun in 1947, the Lamplighters, has helped with church projects through the years.

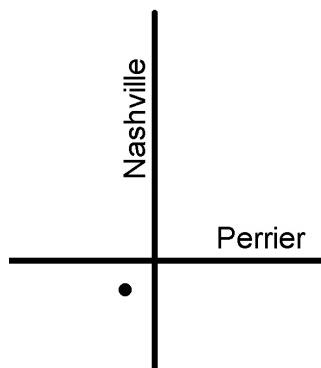
In 1955, work began on a new education building.

When the Eighth Street Methodist Church closed down in 1956, its 50 members transferred to Parker.

The dedication of the education building was led by Bishop Aubrey Walton on June 14, 1964.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west. Turn left onto Jefferson Ave. Go past St. Charles Ave. Turn right on Perrier. After 4 blocks, the church will be on the SW corner of Perrier and Nashville.



Pearl River United Methodist Church



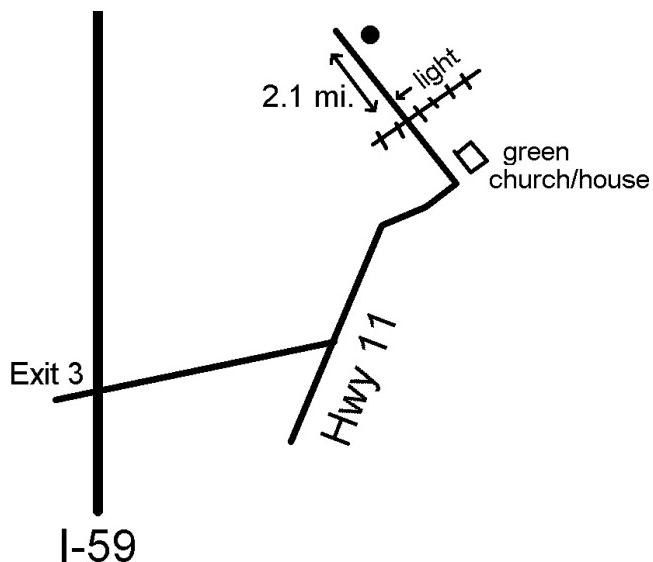
City	Pearl River
Address	Hwy. 41
Membership	181
Founded	Before 1904

The original church is believed to have been located behind the current Hibernia Bank building, just off old Hwy 11. At some point, the decision was made to move to "where the people are." In 1904, the present church was built at the corner of Church and Pine streets. In those early years, preaching was held about once a month by circuit riding preachers. The church was also used by the Baptist congregation and was used as the community's first school.

As time passed, the town began growing towards Hwy 41 and the congregation again felt the need to follow. The present site was purchased in 1985. Though plans were made to build a new church, the congregation wanted to keep the old building and moved it to its present site. It was refurbished and is thought to be the oldest standing structure in the Pearl River area. The congregation is proud to have served God not only through worship, but also through acts of love and outreach to their neighbors.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Go 3 miles and take exit #3 and go to the right. The road (Hwy 41) will turn left at a green church/house. The church is on the right, 2 miles past the RR tracks.



Peck United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	3631 Washington Ave.
Membership	244
Founded	1882

Rev. J.S. Haskell organized the church in 1882. It was named Maldin Chapel at that time. Under the leadership of Rev. H.C. Armstead, the name was changed to Peck to honor Bishop Jesse T. Peck. Bishop Peck and his brother Dr. J.L. Peck had been helpful financially and in other ways.

At first, services were held in a home on Third Street. Property on Washington and South Tonti Streets was purchased under the leadership of Rev. Armstead, and the first church was built. That church burned down in 1892. It was rebuilt in 1892 under the leadership of Rev. John Wesley Turner.

The second church was demolished by a storm in 1915. It was rebuilt the following year under the leadership of Rev. J.M. Price.

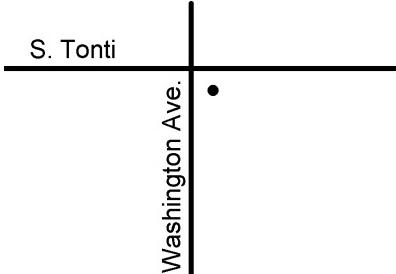
Rev. E.S. Johnson helped the church raise money during his time at Peck. Also at that time, in 1948, the Mallalieu Methodist Church on Sixth Street was discontinued, and the congregation merged with Peck. Mallalieu gave \$6,000 to the Lafon Home and \$2,000 to Peck's building fund.

Rev. William R. London, Jr. was appointed pastor in 1952 to lead the congregation in building a new church. The church, costing over \$100,000, was completed by 1955. The organ and piano were purchased and dedicated on May 29, 1958. The dedication service for the church was led by Bishop Willis J. King on June 9, 1964.

Repairs and renovations have continued to improve the appearance and value of the church through the years.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west. Turn right onto Washington Ave. After about 7 blocks, the church will be on the right, at the SE corner of Washington Ave. and S. Tonti.



Peoples United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2001 Simon Bolivar
Membership	86
Founded	1922

When the Franklin Street Methodist Church relocated, Bishop Robert E. Jones saw to it that the church was purchased for \$12,000 on May 23, 1922. He wanted a church that would reach out to help the community.

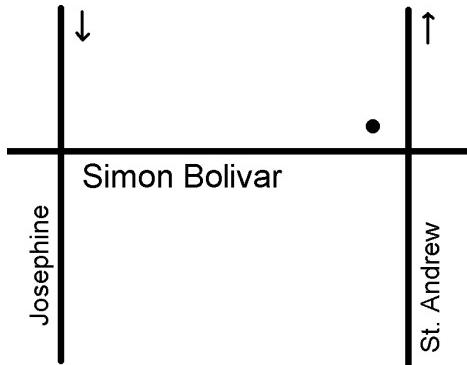
D.S. Rev. M.R. Walker organized the church on July 2, 1922 with sixty-five members. It was called the Peoples Methodist Episcopal Church and Community Center. The first pastor appointed to the church was Rev. J.C. Calvin.

To distinguish the church, Bishop Jones and the pastor had a lighted cross placed on the steeple. Since it was the first in the city, the church was known as "the church with a lighted cross."

While Rev. W.Talbot Handy, Sr. served the church in the mid 1920s, a separate Board of Control was established for the Community Center, and the Community Chest was organized. A Day Nursery was begin in the parsonage, and a new parsonage was acquired elsewhere. Bishop Robert N. Brooks saw to it that the Community Center was later (1944) incorporated. The debt on the church was paid off the following year under the leadership of Dr. G.W. Carter.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west. Turn left onto Martin Luther King Dr. Then turn right onto Simon Bolivar. After about 3 blocks, the church will be on the right, at the corner of Simon Bolivar and St. Andrew.



Philips Memorial United Methodist Church



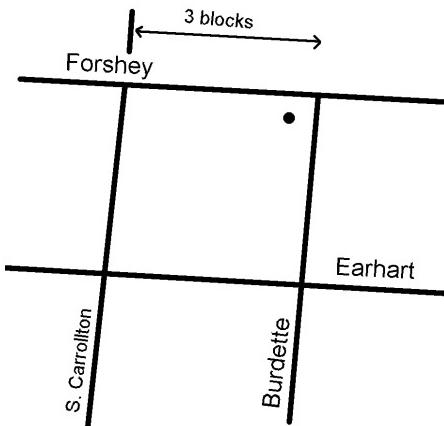
City	New Orleans
Address	3236 Burdette St.
Membership	229
Founded	1904

Rev. Robert Philips organized the St. Peter Union Methodist Church in 1904. A church was built at 7822 Forshey Street. It was later renamed Philips Memorial and joined the Methodist Conference under the leadership of Rev. J.S. Dickson.

When the old church became run down, Rev. O.C. Daigle led the drive to build a new church. The present church was built in 1958-59 under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Robinson, Jr. During construction, services were held in the education building for eleven months. The sanctuary and education building were dedicated on June 9, 1968 under the leadership of Rev. E.C. Slater. The addition of air conditioning and carpeting was started during Rev. Slater's pastorate and completed while Rev. H.L. Milo served the church. The chancel was also extended. Air conditioning of the education building was completed under the leadership of Dr. Max R. Butler. .

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west to S. Carrollton Ave. Turn right and go down about 1/2 a mile. Turn right onto Forshey. After about 3 blocks, the church will be on the right, at the corner of Forshey and Burdette.



Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	3900 St. Charles Ave.
Membership	801
Founded	1875

For years, the community of Jefferson (located west of New Orleans along the river) had been served by the Jefferson City Church (also known as the Cadiz Street Church). In 1875, a new church was built on St. Charles Ave. by Robert Rayne. Mr. Rayne was a local preacher and New Orleans merchant. He bought the site and paid for much of the construction in memory of his son William. When the Cadiz church was closed in 1876, the roll was transferred to the new St. Charles Ave. M. E. Church, South. Other members came from the Felicity and Carondelet churches. The first service was held on January 2, 1876 with Dr. W.E. Munsey as the pastor.

When Mr. Rayne passed away in 1879, the church was transferred to the M.E. Church, South. In 1887, the name of the church was changed to Rayne Memorial M. E. Church, South to honor Mr. Rayne.

The first Sunday School building was constructed in 1885. It was remodeled 3 times over the next 40 years. In 1925, a new educational building was built behind the sanctuary. A new children's educational building (the Bynum Building) was constructed in 1962. A new organ was purchased that same year. In 1968, the Hannah Chapel was built. The Chapel is being used today as the sanctuary for the Korean United Methodist Church. The chapel is named for the wife of Mr. Pendleton Lehde, who was responsible for building the chapel.

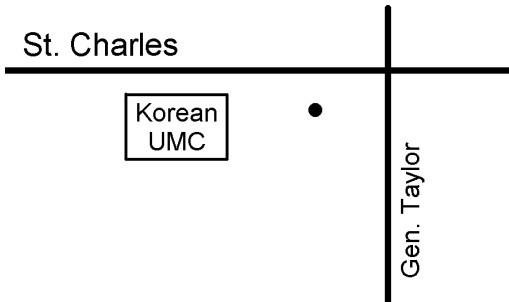
In 1908, the church bought its first parsonage at the corner of Pitt and Constantinople Streets. It has been remodeled several times (1942, 1962, 1974) over the years.

The church itself was remodeled after a storm in 1915. A pastor's study and modern church office were built in 1972. The Fellowship Hall was remodeled in 1974.

Source: One Hundred Years of Rayne Memorial by Ms. Fannie Rayne Ross & Ms. Ashley S. Ross

How to Get There:

From I-10, head west on S. Claiborne Ave. Turn left onto Gen. Taylor. When you get to St. Charles, you'll see the church on the right at the SW corner.



Ross United Methodist Church



City	Metairie
Address	409 S. Causeway
Membership	44
Founded	1860s

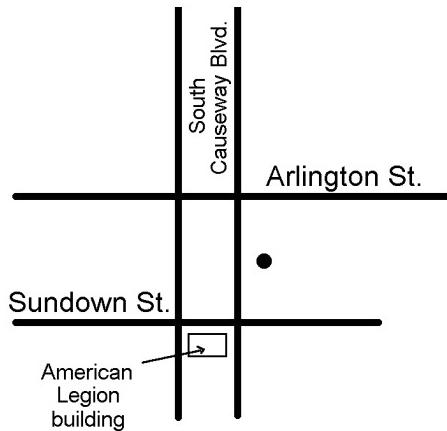
The church was organized in the 1860s right after freedom of slavery (the church gives the date as 1863). The first pastor was also the first member, Anthony Ross. The first church was built from pickets from the swamp, so it was called Shanny Ross Chapel. The current site of the church and cemetery were donated by Victor Forteir on April 8, 1867.

That first church was burned down in 1904 while Rev. Joseph Jones was the pastor. A new church was built in 1907 under the leadership of Rev. A.B. Harris. That church was destroyed by a storm on September 29, 1915. The third church was built in 1916 under the direction of Rev. T.B. Cooper.

The present church was remodeled in 1956 under the leadership of Rev. C.D. Small.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take the Causeway Blvd. exit and head south. Just before the River, the road will exit onto Jefferson Hwy. Get back on Causeway and keep heading towards the River. Two blocks south of Jefferson Hwy. is Arlington St. The church is on the left between Arlington and Sundorn.



Mississippi River

Shaw Temple United Methodist Church



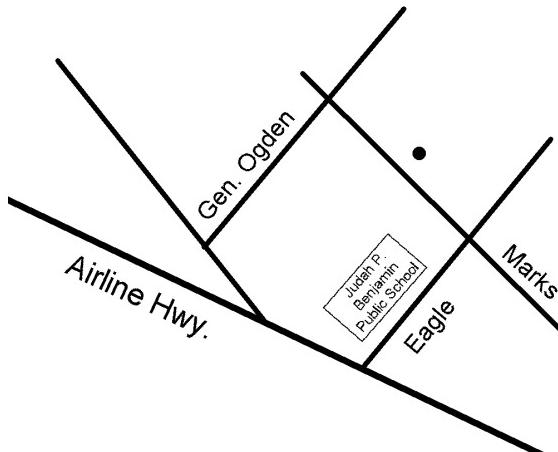
City	New Orleans
Address	8819 Marks St.
Membership	69
Founded	1937

When the former members of the Zion A.M.E. church found themselves without a church, Bishop A.P. Shaw helped them to start a new church. A church was acquired on Marks Street in 1937. The first pastor, Rev. A.B. Harris, called it “the church without a Bible, without a chair, without a hymnal, and without members.” At the first service, twenty-six members were added to the roll. The community was surveyed and a church school was started.

The church was destroyed by hurricane Betsy in 1965. D.S. Rev. W.S.P. Norris got \$17,000 from the Board of Missions so that the church could be rebuilt. Rev. Andrew J. Douglas was the pastor at that time.

How to Get There:

Exit I-10 at Airline Hwy / Tulane Ave. and head west on Airline. Just a few hundred yards west of I-10 will be Eagle. Turn right onto Eagle. After passing Judah P. Benjamin Public School on the left, you'll get to Marks St. Turn left onto Marks St. and the church will be on the right.



First United Methodist Church - Slidell



City	Slidell
Address	433 Erlanger
Membership	1601
Founded	1887



Early 1900s

On September 26, 1887, Rev. James Tucker came to Slidell to hold a revival under a brush arbor. Twelve members joined the church that day. Rev. Tucker, and Rev. J. D. Crymes who followed, served the West Pearl Charge of the Mississippi Conference. By the next year, a new place of worship had been established. A building constructed by the Salmen Brick and Lumber Co. was used as a school and church. The Methodists met in a Union Assembly with other denominations. As the Methodist congregation grew, it was decided that they needed their own facilities.

Tradition says that four members contributed \$50 each towards a piece of land, located where the Salmen baseball field now exists. A small frame building was soon constructed. A parsonage was built across the street, on the corner of Second and Guzman Streets. Greenwood Cemetery was across the street from the church yard. By 1894, Slidel was in a 2 point charge with Lacombe in the Louisiana Conference.

In 1905, the growing congregation bought a lot of land for \$250 on First Street and built a new church. In the 1920s, an adjacent piece of land was purchased. The house on the lot became the new parsonage, and an educational building was constructed.

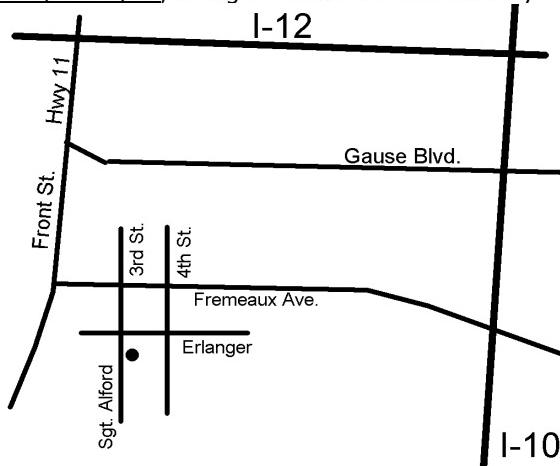
In the 1950s, plans were made for a 3 phase building program. The church's current location was purchased in 1957 for \$22,500. Phase one in 1960-61 saw the construction of an educational building with classrooms and a large assembly area. It was paid for by pledges and from the sale of the old church property. The second phase, a new 500 seat sanctuary, was undertaken in 1968-69. The first service in the new sanctuary was held in October 1969.

The 1980s saw the addition of a pipe organ to the sanctuary. When the church was designed in the 1960s, the future addition of the pipe organ had been included. Costing \$130,000, the organ was installed in time for the congregation's Centennial Sunday celebration on September 20, 1987.

Source: [From a Forest Arbor: A Centennial History of FUMC, Slidell, LA](#), George E. Foster & Paul McKelvey

How to Get There:

Heading east on I-10 out of New Orleans, take the second Slidell exit (266). Head west on Gause Blvd. (Hwy 190). Go all the way to Front St. (Hwy 11), which is just before the RR tracks. Turn left and go to Fremeaux Ave. Turn right at Sgt. Alford Drive (3rd St.). The church is one block down on the left.



St. Charles United Methodist Church



City	Destrehan
Address	1905 Ormond Blvd.
Membership	475
Founded	1987

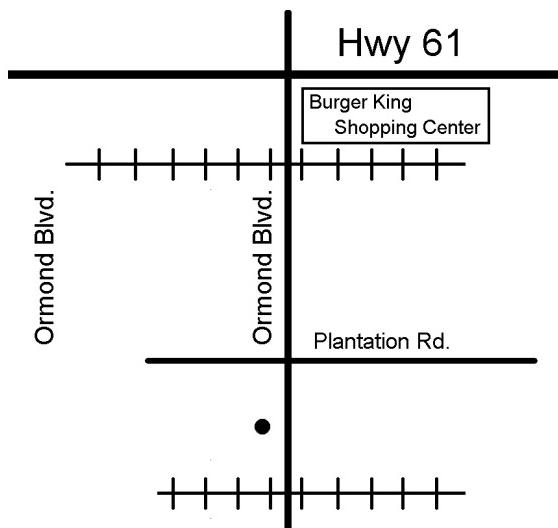
Starting in 1952, Joe and Thelma Sanders expressed the need for a Methodist church in the New Sarpy area. Led by District Superintendent Dr. Virgil Morris, 17 charter members formed the St. John Methodist Church. Though the membership grew to 72, it fell to 38 by 1981 after the Pan-Am refinery closed down. As membership held steady for the next few years, nearby Destrehan was growing. After several people, including the Bishop and the Board of Church Extension, were consulted, it was decided to establish a congregation in Destrehan.

The St. John congregation transferred their membership to the new church. St. Charles, as the new church was called, was organized in January 1987 at the Day Nursery building on Store House Lane in Destrehan. Including the St. John members, about 80 charter members were led by Rev. Dick Humphries. After meeting in the Day Nursery for several months, they later met in the Ball Room of the Ormond Country Club and the Hill Heights Country Club. They finally moved into the new church in the spring of 1989.

SOURCE: "St. John UMC Evolves Into St. Charles UMC with the Birth of St. Charles UMC" by Caro Cunningham

How to Get There:

Travel on Hwy 61 west out of New Orleans until you get to Destrehan. You'll see a shopping center on your left and there is a church sign at Ormond Blvd. Take a left onto Ormond. Go down about 1.9 miles. Just after you pass Plantation Rd., the church will be on the right.



St. James United Methodist Church



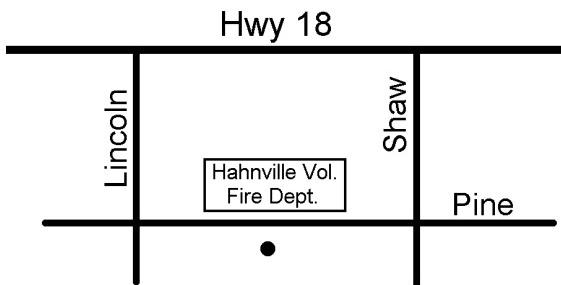
City	Hahnville
Address	Pine St.
Membership	39
Founded	1862

The St. James Church was established in 1862 on the old Fashion Plantation. The plantation's owner, Civil War general Richard Taylor, lost the plantation but the church continued.

The church relocated in 1875 to its current location. It was in the newly created town of Hahnville, named after former governor Michael Hahn. In 1965, that structure was destroyed by hurricane Betsey. It was soon rebuilt and that structure is in use today.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take Hwy 310 south, cross the Miss. River, and exit onto Hwy 18. OR ... From Hwy 90, take Hwy 310 north and take the exit just before the bridge onto Hwy 18. Turn left onto Hwy 18. In Hahnville, turn left onto Shaw. Then turn right onto Pine. The volunteer fire Dept. will be on the right, and the church will be on the left.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	5875 Canal Blvd.
Membership	286
Founded	1947

The church began under the leadership of Rev. Benjamin Oliphant in 1947. It was organized with seventeen members on October 1, 1947 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Smith at 6124 Canal Blvd. With \$5,000 from the District Board of Missions and \$8,500 raised in the District by subscription, property was bought on Canal Boulevard and Brooks St. The first service on the lot took place on Easter Sunday 1947. At that time, the General Board of Missions offered the church a \$15,000 loan towards building a church. At first, the congregation called itself the Lakeview and met at the Lakeview Theater. By the beginning of 1948, the name was changed to St. Luke's.

In 1948, an education building was constructed on the current church site. Starting on Mother's Day 1948, services were held on the first floor (the fellowship hall) until a sanctuary could be built. The first parsonage at 6128 Catina Street was bought for \$10,000 in 1949.

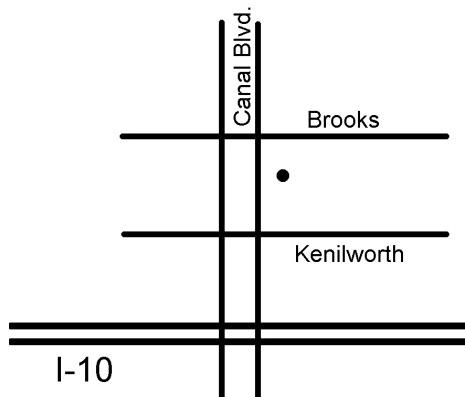
The sanctuary was built in 1956-57 under the leadership of Rev. W. Spencer Wren. The first service in was held on June 30, 1957. During construction of the church, the parsonage was sold and a new one at 807 Polk Street was purchased. That parsonage was sold in 1972 and a new one bought at 5824 Chamberlain Drive in Gentilly.

In 1997-98, the facilities were renovated and a new multipurpose building was constructed.

The church holds two church-wide retreats at Istrouma each year. It has supported several missionary efforts over the years, including present-day work in Senegal. The church's preschool program has been in existence for over three decades.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 610, take the Canal Blvd exit and head north. The first street above Hwy 610 is Kenilworth St. The church is just past Kenilworth on the right.



St. Mark's United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	1130 N. Rampart St.
Membership	27
Founded	1909

In 1909, the work of the Mary Werlein Mission moved to Esplanade Ave. and was called St. Marks Hall. Out of this project, a "Church of Nations" emerged and was called St. Marks Methodist Church. The property on N. Rampart was purchased in 1916 and the buildings dedicated in 1924. The church and community center, though separate, shared the facilities. The church was supported for many years by the Board of Missions. Under Rev. Robert Jamieson, he church became self-supporting in 1946. Rev. Jamieson's "parsonage" was a 5 room apartment on the 3rd floor of the community center.

In 1954, St. Marks was incorporated and a Board of Trustees appointed. After a bit of a search, a parsonage was finally purchased in 1955 on Alvar St. The parsonage situation created controversy in 1960, when the pastor moved his family to a rented house elsewhere due to public school assignments. A new parsonage was purchased at 4701 Stephen Girard. in Gentilly Woods.

Since the 1960's, membership has been on the decline. Members were moving away from the inner city, some due to marriage, some due to retirement, and some for other reasons. The situation got so bad, that the congregation passed a resolution in 1972 requesting that the congregation be dissolved.

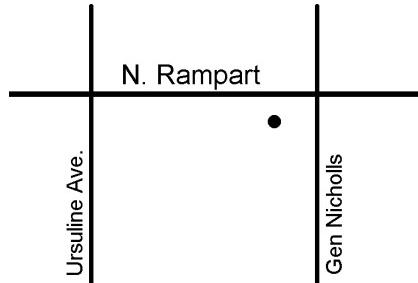
In 1972, the church's first black minister, Rev. Edward Kennedy, was appointed ... the first and only (at that time) black minister to be appointed to a white church in Louisiana. St. Marks increased its emphasis in reaching the community. When David Billings, director of the Community Center, also became pastor of the church, membership grew as St. Marks began to respond to the needs of the community.

When membership declined in the 1980's, St. Marks was put into an alliance with two other churches. This didn't work out, so they were "separated" in 1989.

Source: "The St. Mark's Family: A Story of Change"

How to Get There:

From I-10, take N. Claiborne Ave. east. Turn right onto Ursuline. Take a left onto N. Rampart St. The church will be on the right at the corner of N. Rampart and Gen. Nicholls.



St. Matthew United Methodist Church



City	Algiers
Address	1100 Verret
Membership	110
Founded	1871

The church began in 1870 when Methodist from New Orleans moved to Algiers looking for work on the Southern Pacific Railroad wharves. The first services of the Algiers Mission were held in homes. The Mission also included Asbury. A site for a church was purchased for \$1 in 1871. The people pulled lumber from the river and constructed a frame for an arbor. A simple building was constructed by 1877 when Rev. Felix Landom served as pastor. A parsonage was later acquired on Opelousa Boulevard. Rev. Pompy Bibbs led the church when it entered the Louisiana Conference on February 3, 1891.

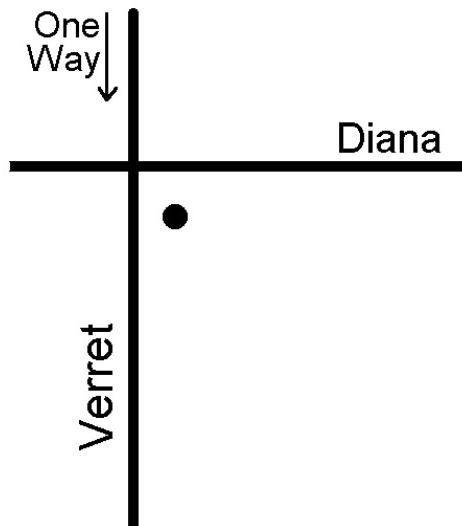
After the first church burned down, Rev. David J. Price led the church in purchasing a new lot in 1894. A new structure was built in which to hold services. When it burned down at the turn of the century, the current church was built in 1901 under the leadership of Rev. J.D. Pool. The new church had a cistern, electricity, an organ, and a bell.

A parsonage was built in 1924 for \$2,000. The home was repaired in 1932 when the rear portion was damaged by fire.

In the late 1950s, the church (assisted by the local Masonic group) built a new brick church.

How to Get There:

Take the Gen. DeGaulle exit just after you cross the Crescent Connection bridge. Go west till you get to Hancock St. Turn right. After almost a mile, you'll get to a "fork" ... take Verret. The church is a couple of blocks further, at the SE corner of Verret and Diana.



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church



City	Metairie
Address	6017 Camphor St.
Membership	833
Founded	1957

The first service for St. Matthew's was held on June 23, 1957 in a classroom at the St. Martin's Episcopal School in Metairie. Thirty-two People joined the church that day. The church was formally organized on August 11, 1957 with 126 members. The congregation moved to the Airline Park Elementary School in September. On March 13, 1858, the Methodist Church purchased property and a parsonage on Airline Park.

On September 15, 1958, the congregation moved into its new church at the corner of Sandra and Camphor Streets. The membership had increased to 249. The next year, two wings of classrooms and the patio were extended. The Day School began that year (1959), with 42 students.

In 1962, a new Baldwin organ was obtained, a new educational building was constructed, and the sanctuary was enlarged. Membership had soared to 1066. A pre-school wing was added in 1963 and a youth building in 1964. By 1969, membership had risen to over 1600. St. Matthew's was then the largest church in the New Orleans District.

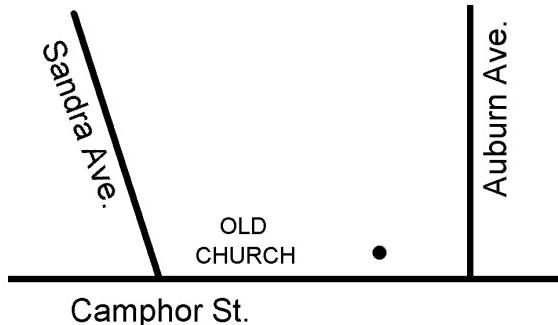
On January 24, 1982, a Service of Consecration was held for the new sanctuary, built next to the old one.

In 1993-94, the board adopted a long range plan for the mission of the church. At the end of 1994, an endowment fund was established to ensure the long-term financial stability of the church.

Source: "A Brief History of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church"

How to Get There:

Turn south onto David Dr. from Veterans Mem. Blvd. Take a left onto Camphor St. The church is on the left, in between Sandra Ave. and Auburn.



St. Paul's United Methodist Church



City	Harahan
Address	6500 Jefferson Hwy.
Membership	180
Founded	1941

A group of Methodists met on October 24, 1941 to form a new church. An organizational meeting was held at the Harahan City Hall. The charter for the Harahan Methodist Church was validated on November 9, 1941. Rev. Karl Tooke, pastor at Munholland, became the first pastor. Due to the war, building materials were hard to come by. The congregation met in the city hall for about 3 years. Using materials from a building damaged by fire, the first church was built and was dedicated on November 10, 1945. The first full-time pastor was Rev. Robert Jamieson.

A new sanctuary was built in 1952 and the old one was demolished. The congregation of 50 persons met at the Harahan Recreation Center during construction. An educational building was constructed in 1954. The name was changed to St. Paul's Methodist Church that year.

In 1956, the parsonage was moved from 663 Grove St. to 128 Magnolia Blvd. In 1976, a new parsonage was acquired at 59 Donelon Dr. in Harahan.

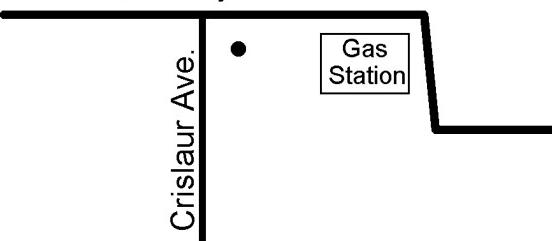
A new sanctuary was completed in 1961. The 1952 sanctuary is being used as the Fellowship Hall.

Source: A History of St. Paul's United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

From Hwy 90/Clearview, turn west onto Jefferson Hwy. After about a mile, the Hwy makes a sharp right turn, and then a sharp left turn. At the left turn, there is a gas station on the left. Just past the gas station, on the left, is the church. You can turn left at Chrislaur.

Jefferson Hwy.



St. Philip United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2536 Annette
Membership	137
Founded	1925

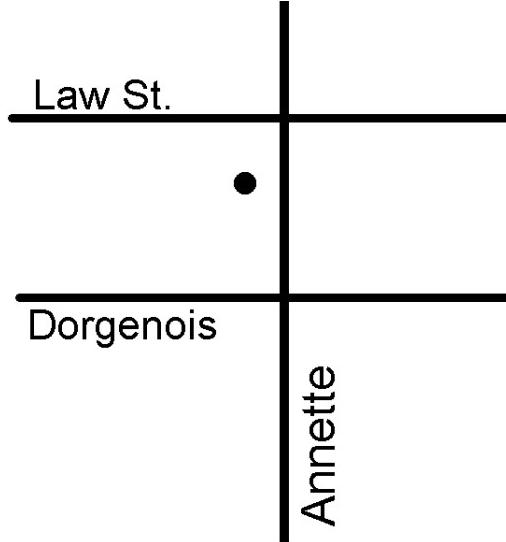
The church was organized in 1925 at a Coal and Wood shop at 2600 St. Anthony Street. Rev. W.D. Martin led the seven charter members in attendance.

Two lots on the corner of Annette and Law were purchased for \$900. The first church was built under the leadership of Rev. W.B. Buchanan in 1927. As the church grew, larger facilities were needed.

The present church was built in 1935, with Rev. C.B. Small as pastor and builder. It was dedicated four years later while Rev. John McCullen was pastor. The church was remodeled in 1966.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 610, exit at Elysian Fields and head south. After about 1/2 mile, turn right onto Dorgenois. Go 5 blocks and turn right onto Annette. The church is on the left.



St. Timothy United Methodist Church



City	Mandeville
Address	335 Asbury Dr.
Membership	2923
Founded	1975

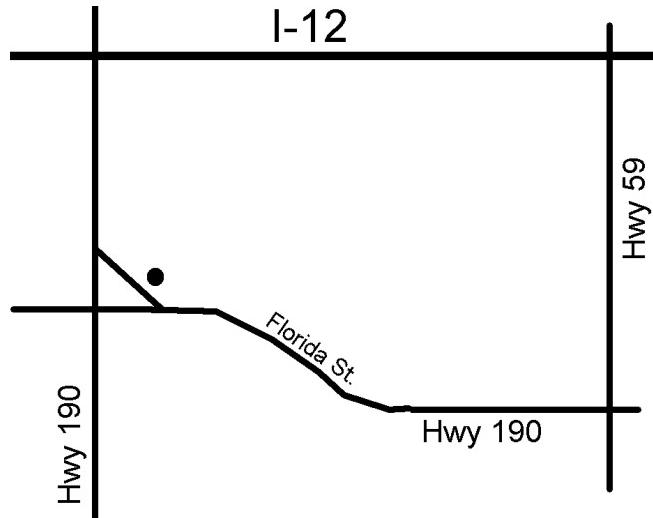
Rev. Don McDowell was appointed in 1975 to start a new church on the North Shore. The first service was held on July 13. St. Timothy on the North Shore was chartered on September 21, 1975 with 101 charter members. For those early years, services were conducted in a warehouse on Industry Lane.

The first building to be constructed at the present location was the Fellowship Hall. Services began in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1979. An educational building was added on November 1982. On May 14, 1989, services began in the newly completed sanctuary. The church received its first associate pastor (Rev. Martha Pleasant) in June 1992.

Five years later, on October 8, 1994, the Activities building was completed. The congregation is still enjoying membership growth, and an expansion program to enlarge the sanctuary, increase Sunday school space, and add parking space is underway.

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Mandeville-Covington exit and head south. When you get to the Hwy 190 intersection, turn left at the Whitney Bank. The church is one block further on the right, behind Delchamps Grocery Store.



Sun United Methodist Church



City	Sun
Address	84005 Hwy. 21
Membership	31
Founded	1926

In the mid 1890s, members of the John and Will Talley families organized a Methodist church. Lumber was cut at Thomas Talley's sawmill, and a building was built on land donated by John Talley. The building was used as a church and as a school. The church was served by circuit riders, though John Talley would preach now and then.

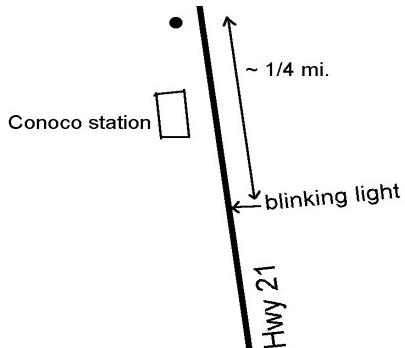
When the parish built a school house (on the Washington/St. Tammany parish line) in 1912, the church and school moved into the new building. The congregation later decided to move towards the center of the community and traded 2 lots they owned to the Woodmen of the World for a lot near the railroad tracks. The new church was completed on July 3, 1926, and the first service was held the following Sunday.

In the following years, the community would take turns worshipping at the Methodist Church one Sunday and the Baptist Church the next. The Seminary in New Orleans would furnish a minister each Sunday. Times were hard, and the ushers would pass the plate as many times as necessary to collect what they considered enough to send the minister back with. The minimum acceptable was \$ 5.00.

The present church and land came from the estate of Lulu C. Mizell, the first mayor of Sun and a long time member of the church. His will included plans for the buildings and the furnishings. His brother Jimmy and W.R. "Rich" Talley were put in charge. The old church was sold to the town. The first service in the new church was held on March 24, 1991, and it was dedicated on April 21, 1991. It is a one story white vinyl clapboard siding with light blue trim. There is a tower designed for electric chimes. Eighteen pews in the sanctuary will easily seat ninety and the choir loft will accommodate sixteen. The 2400 square foot interior also contains a classroom, pastor's office, kitchenette, small fellowship hall, rest rooms, storage room and entrance foyer. The sanctuary has an open exposed laminated beam framing system with a twenty six foot ceiling height. A rose window is above and behind the pulpit. A ten foot high "Cross and Flame" aluminum emblem stands in front of the church.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. At Bush, Hwy 41 merges with Hwy 21. Continue on Hwy 21 (41) to Sun. The church is one block past the blinking yellow light. It is on the left, just past a gas station.



Thirkield United Methodist Church



City	Bogalusa
Address	1108 Donnell
Membership	54
Founded	1913

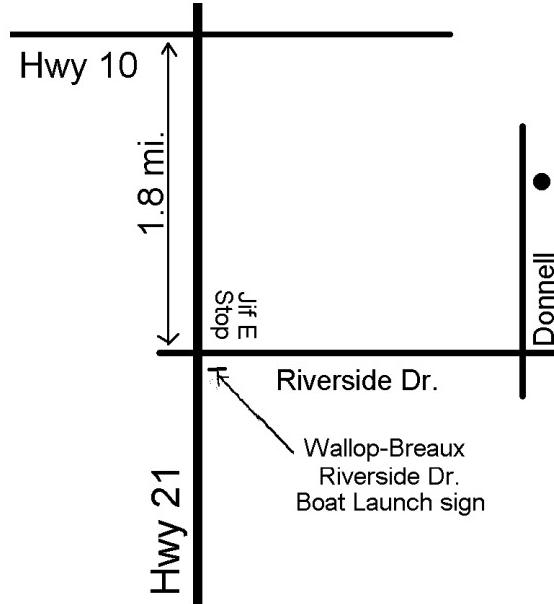
Thirkield was organized at the Central Elementary School in 1913 by Rev. Clarence W. Whalum. He led 5 families who had expressed a desire to have a Methodist Episcopal Church in Bogalusa. They named it Thirkield in honor of Bishop Thirkield. The school was used as the church and Sunday school classrooms for 3 years.

In 1916, a piece of land was purchased at 618 Columbia Road so that they could build their own church. Members held a Stake Driving and paid for the land out of the proceeds.

While Rev. Rogers Transpers was pastor, the congregation brought property at 1106-1108 Donnell Street. They soon rebuilt the present Thirkield United Methodist Church at the new site. The church looks forward to serving the city and the community so that the struggles of the faithful souls gone on will not have been in vain.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. Hwy 41 merges into Hwy 21 at Bush. Continue on Hwy 21 to Bogalusa. You'll see a small sign on the right for the Wallop-Breaux Riverside Dr. Boat Launch. Turn right (there's a Jif E Stop on your left when you turn) onto Riverside Dr. Go one block and take a left on Donnell. The church is just ahead on the right. Note: Riverside Drive is 1.8 mi. before you get to Hwy 10.



Thomas United Methodist Church



City	Kenner
Address	420 Webster
Membership	140
Founded	1883

The church records date back to 1883. The pastor at that time was Rev. T.J. Johnson. On January 13, 1912, Rivers Thomas joined the church. He later became Associate Minister and Superintendent of Sunday School.

The church was destroyed by a storm in 1915. It was rebuilt on the current site in 1918 under the leadership of Rev. Schooler J. Jackson.

The church has lost several pastors under appointment. In November 1937, Rev. S.G. Reed and his son were in a fatal train accident. Rev. Amos Taylor passed away in 1953 before his term was completed. Rev. Cleveland L. Young passed away during his third year of service to the church (1972).

The church was revived in the mid 1950s under the leadership of Rev. C.D. Small. Renovations were made on the church at that time.

Under the leadership of Rev. H.L. Stewart, additional remodeling was done in 1965. This included a face-lift of brick, a kitchen, and new pews.

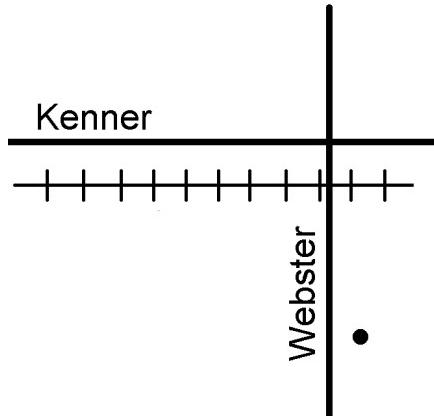
The outer aisles of the church were widened under the leadership of Rev. Donald Barrie (1977-84).

For many years, the Thomas church was on a circuit with Ross UMC. But in 1986, it was paired with St. James in Hahnville. The pastor at that time was Rev. Dan Simon.

Brother Douglas Brumfield has been the minister of music since 1968.

How to Get There:

Take Williams Blvd. south past Airline Hwy. Turn left when you get to Kenner Ave. (which is a few hundred yards from the levee). Turn right onto Webster. Cross the RR tracks. The church is on the left, a couple of hundred yards down.



Thompson United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	1023 St. Roch Ave.
Membership	160
Founded	1867

The church was organized on July 2, 1867. On that day, Rev. Evans Green led the church in purchasing the Second German Presbyterian Church. The members, mostly former slaves, raised \$4,350 to pay for the church. It was called the Elmira Street Methodist Episcopal Church. When the Louisiana Conference was formed in 1869, it was renamed the Thompson Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church (after Bishop Edward Thompson).

The parsonage was built in 1898 under the leadership of Rev. J.W. Turner. The church was incorporated on November 16, 1899 under the leadership of Rev. John Wesley Turner. The church was wired for electricity while Rev. D.M. Seals served as pastor.

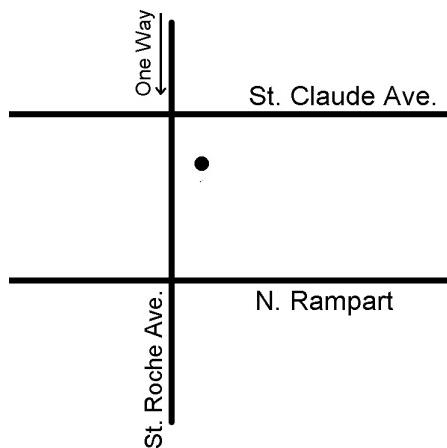
The church was remodeled in 1928. Paying off the expenses incurred for the work took the congregation sixteen years. Due to the lengthy debt repayment, some members left the church. After Frank Baldwin got an organization to hold their annual Thanksgiving service at the church, presided over by Rev. Morris Burrell, a good amount of money was raised to pay on the debt. Rev. J.W. Turner, appointed to the church for a second time, helped by not drawing a salary for a year. Over the next couple of years, the debt was paid off.

Rev. J.C. Bibbons arrived in 1945 and helped the church in remodeling. Everything was paid for on a cash basis. The church and parsonage were renovated while Rev. James S. Davidson and Rev. Eddie Carter served.

Dr. R.F. Harrington led a dedication service on March 11, 1973. New choir robes and carpeting were later added.

How to Get There:

Take the Elysian Fields Ave. exit from I-10 and head south. Turn left onto St. Claude Ave. Turn right onto St. Roch Ave. (one-way street to the right). The church is on the left.



Trinity of Gentilly United Methodist Church



City	Gentilly
Address	2221 Filmore
Membership	70
Founded	1984

Much as the United Methodist Church today is a combination of many groups, the Trinity United Methodist Church has come out of several organizations.

In 1840, a group of mission workers started services in half of a double house on Spain Street. After 2 years, a church was built at the corner of Dauphine and Piety Streets. A new church was built in 1854 at the corner of Chartres and Almonaster. In 1899, the Spain Street and Second German Missions joined and became the Burgundy Street Methodist Church. In 1906, the old German building was torn down. Services were temporarily held at Spain and Rampart Streets. A new church, the Second Methodist Church, was completed by the summer of 1907 and dedicated on February 2, 1913. The pastor at this time was Rev. A.I. Townsley.

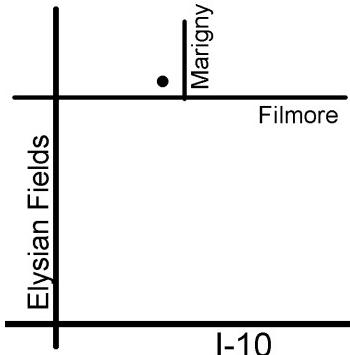
After a planning meeting on November 1, the first service of Elysian Fields Methodist Church was held on November 12, 1948 at George Lambert's Plumbing Shop. The sermon was delivered by Bill Matthews. On April 4, 1949, the growing congregation moved to Pitt Theater. Construction started on the sanctuary at 2221 Filmore Avenue in 1953 and was completed in the summer of 1957. On June 17, 1984, the Elysian Fields Methodist Church merged with the Second United Methodist Church to become the Trinity Methodist Church. The combined membership was 224 ... 192 from Elysian Fields and 32 from Second. The pastor of Elysian Fields, Rev. Mickey D. Stringfield, became the first pastor of the merged congregations.

The Gentilly Methodist Church began meeting in an apartment on Wisteria St. around 1930. Rev. Ira Flowers was the first pastor. A church was built. In 1936, the church was dismantled and rebuilt at the corner of Franklin Avenue and Wisteria Street. Rev. A.W. Townsend, pastor at that time, called it "The Little Chapel of the Golden Windows."

On June 1, 1992, under the leadership of Dr. Richard Stiltner, the Gentilly and Trinity United Methodist Churches merged to become the Trinity United Methodist Church of Gentilly.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take the Elysian Fields exit and head north. After about 1.5 miles, you will turn right at Filmore Ave. After about a block, the church will be on the left, at the corner of Filmore and Marigny.



Trinity United Methodist Church



City	Buras
Address	36674 Hwy. 11 S.
Membership	79
Founded	1951

After a small group of people met for several months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Anderson of Buras, the first service of Trinity Methodist Church was held in the Buras Community Church on River Road on February 11, 1951. The congregation was chartered by Rev. H.L. Johns, the District Superintendent, on July 16, 1951. For the first few years, the congregation met in the Community Church. When Felix Elston donated a piece of land to the church, a building was soon constructed. The first service in the new church was held on August 7, 1955. The church was dedicated on February 18, 1956.

In 1955, the Asbury Church was organized in Venice. Until 1970, the churches were on the same circuit. In 1965, hurricane Betsy destroyed the Asbury Church and severely damaged the Trinity Church. Trinity repaired their church, while Asbury continued to meet in a trailer. The 1000 Club and Rev. Fred Mead & the Louisiana Conference helped out with the financing.

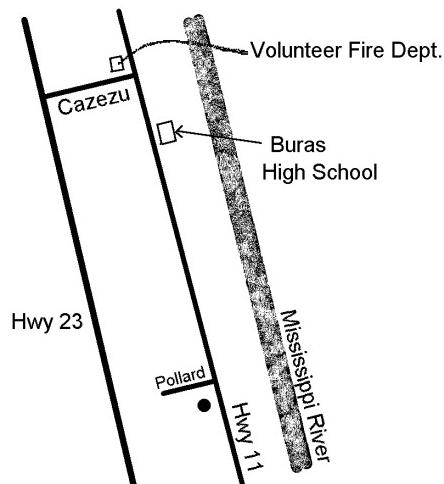
Disaster struck again when hurricane Camille hit on August 17, 1969. Both the Asbury trailer and the Trinity Church were destroyed. The congregations were able to hold services in the Riverview Baptist Church, which had survived the storm. When Trinity was rebuilt, again with help from the Conference and the 1000 Club, the congregations decided to merge.

When the job market dropped in the mid 1980s, it hit the church hard. The church wondered if it could survive. Rev. Mark E. Crosby arrived in June 1987 and helped to revive the congregation.

Source: History of Trinity United Methodist Church

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 23. At Empire, you'll go over an overpass. About 4.7 miles down the road, you'll take a left on Cazezu in Buras. You should see a ball field to the left. It's less than a mile to Hwy 11 ... turn right. You'll pass the Buras High School on your left after about 1/2 a mile. The church is on the right, about 2 miles past the high school.



Varnado United Methodist Church



City	Varnado
Address	25651 Washington St.
Membership	90
Founded	1910



Previous Church Building

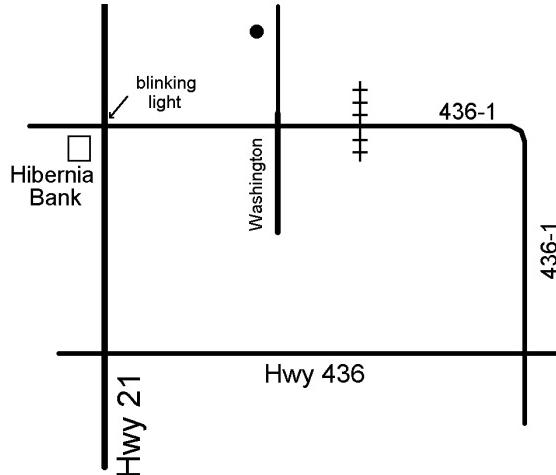
The original church, a small quaint wooden structure, was built in 1910. The present church was built in 1956 under the leadership of Rev. S.J. McLean. It was built of brick and included two classrooms and a small fellowship area. In 1980, the facility was expanded to add a storage area and three more classrooms under the leadership of Rev. Karl Wood.

In 1994, the church received its first female pastor, Rev. Ester Hammond. Under her leadership, a preschool playground was set up in memory of Helen Wood (wife of Rev. Wood). She also started a food bank. A \$100 scholarship to graduating high school senior members was also set up at that time.

Since the late 1980s, the church has a potluck dinner after services the first Sunday of every month.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. Hwy 41 merges into Hwy 21 at Bush. Continue north on Hwy 21 to Varnado. Pass LA 436 and turn right onto LA 436-1. There will be a Hibernia Bank on your left and a blinking light at this intersection. Take a left on Washington St. The church is just ahead on the left.



Waldheim United Methodist Church



City	Waldheim
Address	77067 Hwy. 21
Membership	122
Founded	1875

Services might have begun at Waldheim as early as 1860 in an old log church, though records are lacking. It is known that a new church was built and dedicated in 1875. The church was 41 by 25 feet and had a steeple with a bell. J. B. A. Ahrens wrote that he had "opened a new field" and had a society of 22 members. The congregation was a part of the German Mission Conference. It was called Boniface Church, after the apostle of the Germans. Through the years, it has also been called St. Tammany Mission, Camp Ground, Talisheek, German Settlement, and now, Waldheim.

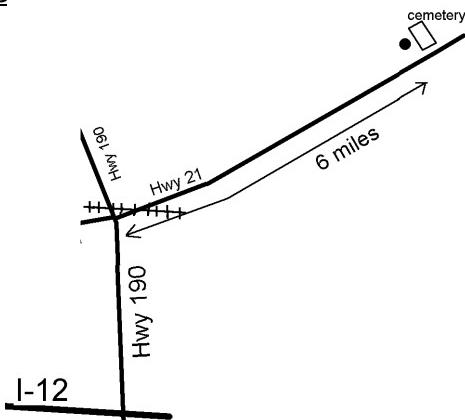
On August 29, 1884, John J. Ryan sold 40 acres (which encompassed the church property) to the M. E. Church, South, German Mission Conference of Texas and Louisiana. In 1887, a "tabernacle" (shed) of 40 by 60 feet was built for the Camp Ground. It had a dirt floor covered with pine needles. Fires were lit on several stands around the shed to provide light at night.

In the early 1930's, an addition was built onto the back of the church. A Fellowship Hall was added in the mid 1950's. Various improvements have been made over the years, such as a new organ (1952 & 1967), air conditioning (1971, though the units were stolen the following year), and furnaces (1974). It is thought that a parsonage was built about the same time as Boniface Church.

Source: The First Century, 1875-1975: Waldheim UMC

How to Get There:

From I-12, take the Covington exit and head north on Hwy 190. As you get to Covington, Hwy 21 will veer off to the right. Turn onto Hwy 21 and go 6 miles down the road. The church will be on the left.



Wesley Ray United Methodist Church



City	Angie
Address	Wesley Ray Rd.
Membership	245
Founded	1876

The fifty local families began building a church in 1876. Superintendent Wesley was so helpful in helping the church to get started, the congregation named the church after him and his son (Ray). The first pastor was Rev. S. Osbourne. Founders of the church included Sam Brown, Frank Peters, M.J. Daniel, John Burrell, Pomp Harry, Mack Frederick, Hardy Henry, Moses Moses, Erwin Peters, and William John.

In the 1930s, George Ploughman donated a lot in front of the community school to the church. Though they needed to build a parsonage, the lot wasn't big enough for a church and a home. So W.L. Jefferson sold the church its present site.

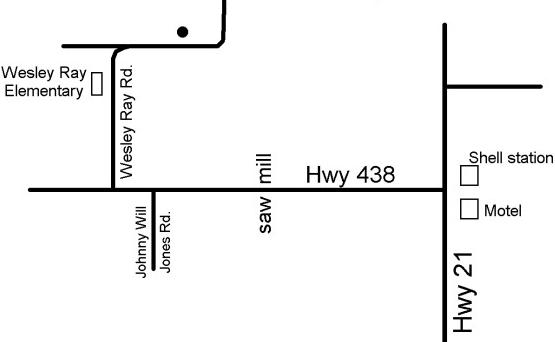
Led by Rev. E.L. Jackson, the frame church was torn down in 1937. The congregation began building a block structure. A storm destroyed their work before they were complete. After securing a grant from the church extension board, the church began work once again. The women provided the food while the men provided the labor. During construction, services were held at the community school.

In the 1960s, the church was remodeled under the leadership of Rev. A.E. Franklin. The church began making plans and raising money to build new facilities on four acres bought from Olivier B. Brown.

When Mrs. Olivier B. Brown moved to California in 1975, she sold her home and land (1 acre) to the church. Her home became the new parsonage. In 1982, construction began on a new church. The pastor at that time was Rev. Robert Brown. The UMM and UMW raised \$5,000 to install carpeting. Pews were donated in honor or memory of loved ones. The cornerstone was laid on November 3, 1991. The church mortgage was paid off and the note was burned on July 26, 1999.

How to Get There:

Take I-59 north from I-12. Take exit #3 and head north on Hwy 41. Hwy 41 merges into Hwy 21 at Bush. Continue north on Hwy 21 to Angie. When you see a motel and Shell station on your right, take a left onto Hwy 438. Go past the sawmill and turn right on Wesley Ray Road. You'll pass the school on your left and the road will turn to the right. The church will be on the left side of the road just ahead.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	2517 Jackson Ave.
Membership	68
Founded	1838

The Wesley congregation dates back to 1838 when meetings began in a stable on Gravier Street. A church was later built by the congregation, which included blacks and whites. The first pastor was Rev. L.S. Scott, a white pastor.

In those days, the men and women sat on opposite sides of the church, and the children sat by the altar rail. Its membership had grown to 500 by 1844 when it relocated to South Liberty Street. After the new church was built by blacks, some whites tried to claim it. Since the blacks had indeed built the church, even making the bricks themselves, they were given the church. Bishop Lang of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was sent to oversee matters.

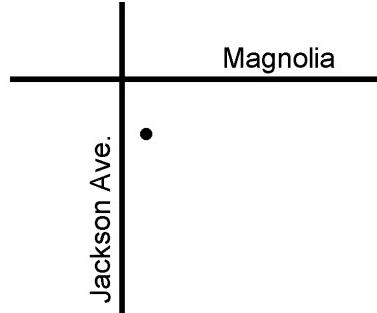
Mother Wesley, as it has been called, is the location of many significant events over the years. The church helped several other congregations to form, including Grace United Methodist, St. James African Methodist Episcopal, and St. Mark Fourth Baptist. The first General Missionary Conference was held at Wesley. Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell had his first office at the church. The first class in the public school system was taught there.

In 1951, the church had to move because the city was building a new civic center and railroad terminal in the area. The congregation met with the Mt. Zion Methodist Church at 2517 Jackson Avenue. When the Mt. Zion congregation built a new church, Wesley bought the church (built in 1873) on Jackson Avenue.

The church was later renovated under the pastorates of Rev. Louis Augustine, Jr., Rev. Percell Church, Sr., and Rev. Nathaniel P. Williams.

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west. Turn left onto Jackson Ave. After 3 blocks, you will get to Magnolia. The church is on the left, just past Magnolia.



Williams United Methodist Church



City	New Orleans
Address	7510 Pearl
Membership	74
Founded	1866

Property for the church was acquired on January 3, 1866 by Rev. Emperor Williams (pastor of the Carrollton area) and Rev. Emperor J.T. Mumon. First known as the Carrollton Mission Church, it was later called the Clinton Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Though Rev. Emperor Williams first pastored the church to get it started, he was followed by. Austin Jones. A church was soon built.

After the original church burned down in 1869, it was rebuilt in 1870. The cornerstone was laid in 1887, while Rev. B. Duncan was in charge.

The church burned down again in 1894. When it was rebuilt, the name of the church was changed in 1894 to honor Rev. Emperor Williams. Rev. Williams, who had passed away that year, was one of the founders of both the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences.

The church was destroyed in 1915 by a storm. It was rebuilt in 1917 under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Robinson. The debt on the church was later retired under the leadership of Rev. D.S. Sloan.

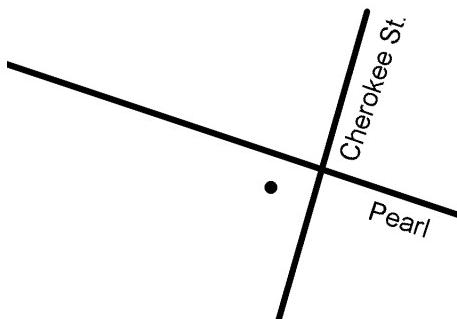
The current parsonage was built in 1925 while Rev. J.W. Turner served as pastor.

The church was recently renovated.

The membership of the church has included such figures as Bishop J.B. Scott, Bishop A.C. Camphor, Dr. O.E.P. Albert, Dr. Matthew Davge, and Mrs. Velena McArthur Jones (wife of Bishop R.E. Jones)..

How to Get There:

From I-10, take S. Claiborne Ave. west. Turn left onto Audubon Blvd. Go to St. Charles Ave. and turn right. After about 6 blocks, turn left onto Cherokee St. The first street you get to is Pearl. The church is on the SW corner of Pearl and Cherokee St.



Winan United Methodist Church



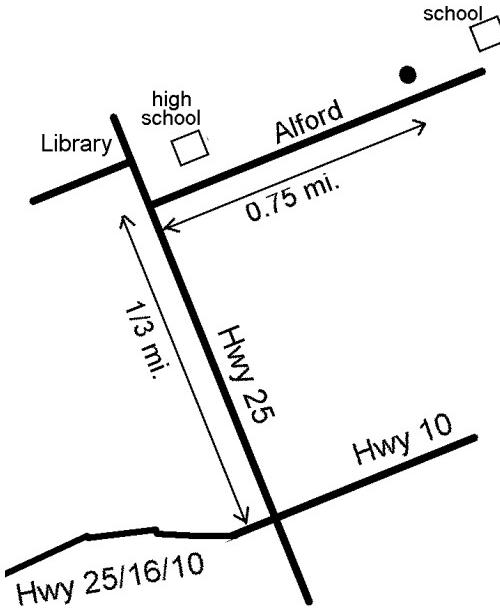
City	Franklinton
Address	622 18 th Ave.
Membership	124
Founded	1881

Winan was organized in 1881 by a small group of blacks who followed the teachings of John Wesley. Early meetings were held in private homes. The first church was built on the property now occupied by Franklinton Primary School. The present church was built in 1953, and an educational building was added in the 1970's.

Winan UMC has always stressed community involvement. The congregation played a major role in organizing the Franklinton Head Start Center. It also has a Class "A" nursery which has been operating for over 25 years. Winan serves as a meeting place for many groups, such as the Boy Scouts, tutorial programs, social clubs, Grambling and Southern Universities Alumni Associations, and summer enrichment programs. Winan UMC has been a strong religious influence in Franklinton and Washington Parish.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 25 into Franklinton. Turn left at the first red light and go about 1/3 mi. to Alford St. The high school will be on your left after you turn. The church is about 8 blocks (3/4 mi.) down and to your left.



SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

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Arcadia United Methodist Church



City	Arcadia
Address	2122 Myrtle St.
Membership	203
Founded	1850

In 1850, nearby residents built their first church on the old homesite of Mr. and Mrs. Verge Madden. This was near the latter-day home of Mrs. Snow Durrett. The boys and men sat on one side of the aisle, and the girls and women sat on the other side. The board of trustees wasn't incorporated until 1866.

In 1882, a lot was bought for \$300 from Francis Stubbs. The deed stated that the land was to be used on which to built a parsonage. A new church was built around 1884 one block east of the courthouse. The church had a bell tower and a library. There were two amen corners ... one for males and one for females. The dedication service in 1892 was led by Bishop C.G. Galloway. That church burned down in 1910.

A new lot was bought from Dr. Joseph Atkinson on May 22, 1910 for \$200. The new church was dedicated on June 25, 1911. A parsonage was built on the lot to the south of the church. Both buildings were painted light brown on the top and dark brown on the bottom.

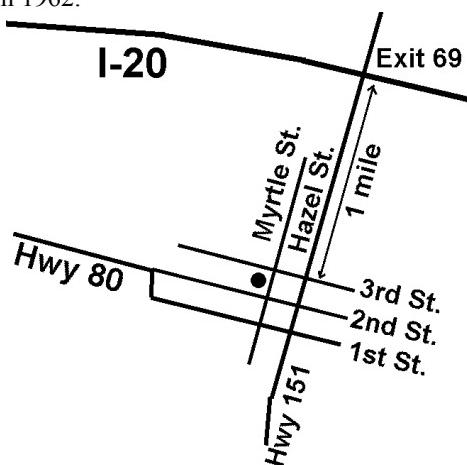
The cornerstone for a new church was laid on December 12, 1923. One of the items in the cornerstone was a copy of the Bienville Democrat. The first service in the new church was held on March 16, 1924. Bishop Hoyt Dobbs gave the sermon ("Let Us Build").

The decision was made in 1943 to get a new parsonage. In 1947, church property across the street was sold for \$2000. The parsonage was built in 1948-49. Rev. L.E. Douglas and his family moved in the new home at the end of 1949, and the dedication led by Bishop Paul Martin was held on February 6, 1949.

An education building was added to the facilities in 1962.

How to Get There:

Take exit 69 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 151 (Hazel St.) into Arcadia. A mile south of the interstate, turn right (west) onto 3rd St. Turn left after one block onto N. Myrtle St. The church is on the right.



Arizona United Methodist Church



City	Arizona
Address	Forest Grove Rd.
Membership	25
Founded	1866

Joshua and Barbara Willis, who moved to Forest Hill in 1848, donated the land for a church site. The Forest Grove cemetery, about two miles north of the current church site, is all that remains of that early church. The old church was located within the “white” section of the cemetery.

The church was built by J.C. Blackman one mile north of the Major Dyer (or Blake Tooke) homesite. It is said that William Stephenson, an early circuit rider, is buried either at the Forest Grove cemetery or at the plantation cemetery near the Tooke pond.

The church moved to Arizona in 1866. A church was built north of the current site towards the Arizona School. It was torn down and a new church built about 1882. The second Arizona church was built on land donated by Joshua Willis on July 27, 1871. Doss Pennington built the new church in exchange for \$1000 and the old church. The pews, hand made by Matison Nicholson, are still in use. In those days, women entered through the right door and sat on the right side of the church, and men entered the left door and sat on the left. The young people sat in the middle.

On October 9, 1946, the school board voted to allow the community to use the school for any purpose they wanted. Under the leadership of Rev. W.D. Boddie, the school was torn down and its lumber used to partition the church vestibule to create two classrooms. The sanctuary was moved forward. A combination activity room and classrooms were extended across the back of the building. An altar rail was added at that time. The piano was played by Annie Barr Baker from about 1926 till her death in 1979.

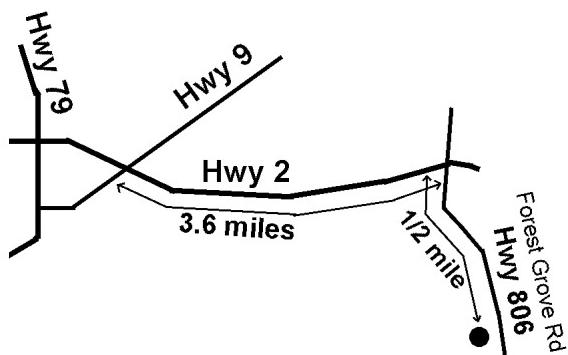
In 1956, hardwood floors and wall board were installed while Rev. Roland K. Friederich served as pastor.

In 1980, a bathroom was added to the facilities. Velvet pew cushions were donated by Dr. Leroy Little in 1983. A kitchen was added in 1993 as a memorial to Kirk Womack.

The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 22, 1983.

How to Get There:

Head north to Homer from Minden on Hwy 79. Turn right on Hwy 2 and head east for 3.6 miles. Turn right on Forest Grove Rd. (Hwy 806) and go half a mile. The church is on the right.



Asbury United Methodist Church



City	Bossier City
Address	3200 Airline Dr.
Membership	1180
Founded	1989

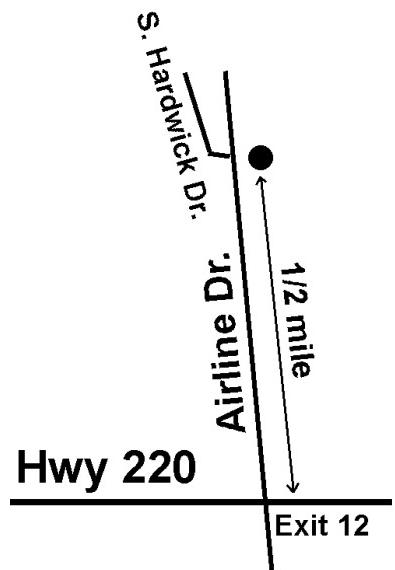
On the first Sunday of October 1989, 211 people gathered together to worship at the Bossier Parish Community College. Some of those were from Curtis Park and St. Stephen's congregations. The mission statement for the new church was "Building Faith, Bringing Hope, and Reaching Out in Love."

Fundraising began for a new church. Some aid came from the 1000 Club. Additional money came from the sale of the St. Stephens property. Ground-breaking occurred in October 1991. A 16,000 square foot multi-purpose building was constructed at a cost of over \$900,000. Besides classrooms, a kitchen, and office space, the building contained a large room for worship and fellowship. The first worship service in the new building was held on June 7, 1992.

A children's wing was added in 1994. A new parking lot was completed in 1997. A youth and adult education wing was completed on August 30, 1998 at a cost of \$217,000. After the completion of an outdoor prayer and family activity chapel in 1999, plans began on a new 700-seat sanctuary.

How to Get There:

From exit 12 on Hwy 220, head north on Airline Dr. The church will be $\frac{1}{2}$ mile ahead on the right.



Athens United Methodist Church



City	Athens
Address	5438 Athens Ave.
Membership	85
Founded	

About 1830, a Methodist Society was organized in Old Athens. They met in a building that was also used as the Baptist meeting house, the school, and the parish seat. That original building burned down in 1849.

A new church wasn't built in Old Athens until 1881. But soon after, in the 1880s, the railroad was located two and a half miles east of town. The population began migrating eastward towards the railroad (current Athens).

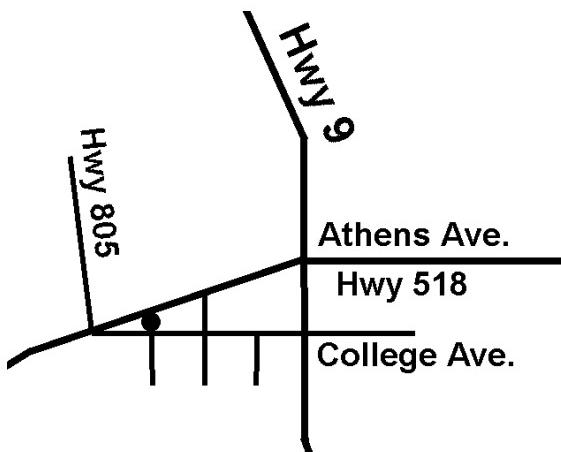
In 1891, they built a new church and named it Foster Chapel in honor of their first pastor, Rev. John Foster. As the congregation outgrew the small church, Henry Pace donated lumber and land for a new church in Athens.

With George Pebworth heading up carpentry, the new church was completed in 1910. It had a sloped floor, curved pews, two aisles, and stained glass windows dedicated to J.T. Baker and Francis Willard. Though the other windows were originally frosted glass, they were replaced with stained glass in the mid 1890s.

In 1952, two classrooms, a kitchen, restrooms, and a fellowship hall were built. In 2000, a larger fellowship hall was constructed in back of the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 67 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 9 to Athens. Upon reaching Athens, turn left on Hwy 518/154 (Athens Ave.). the church will be on the left at the junction of Athens Ave. and College Ave.



Barksdale United Methodist Church



City	Bossier City
Address	1465 Patricia Dr.
Membership	101
Founded	1953

After Centenary College conducted a survey in the area in 1952, it was determined that there was enough interest to start a new church. A ministry student, Rev. Jerry Means, was appointed as the first pastor. Services were held for the first two years at Waller Elementary School. When the charter membership was closed on August 9, 1953, there were 54 members. Membership had risen to 115 by the end of 1954.

In late 1953, a building program began. With the help of \$10,000 from the Shreveport District, the site was selected and two acres were donated by the Waller Estate. The facilities, costing \$27,000, were completed by February 14, 1954. Besides a sanctuary, it had seven classrooms, a pastor's study, and a kitchen.

Additional space was soon needed, so more land was purchased. A \$35,000 children's building was erected in 1957. The new building opened in August of that year, with classrooms and a nursery. The mortgage was paid off by November 1969.

Seven people have left Barksdale and entered the ministry.

How to Get There:

From I-20 in Bossier City, take exit 22 and head south on Airline Dr. Turn right on Patricia Dr. The church will be on the left.



Bayou Scie United Methodist Church



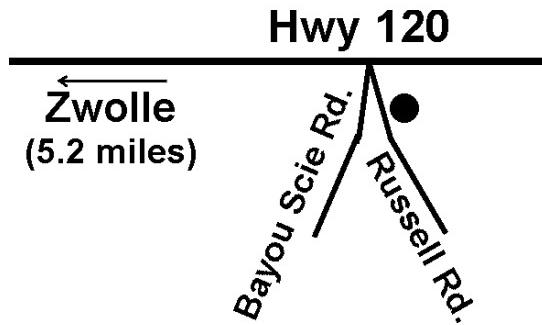
City	Bayou Scie
Address	Russell Rd.
Membership	81
Founded	1843

The church was founded in 1843. There is a sign in front of the church that says 'est. 1830'. A plaque in front of the church says it was established in 1834 by three circuit riders ... William Stephenson, James P. Stephenson, and Preston Cooper ... and that the first pastor was Rev. Samuel Webb. The earliest extant quarterly conference records at the church (dated June 15, 1869) notes that B.F. Alexander was the pastor at that time.

In 1981, a 28'x60' building was constructed to provide classroom space. After that, improvements include new lights in the sanctuary, carpeting, ceiling fans, and new pew cushions.

How to Get There:

After reaching Zwolle on Hwy 171, head east on Hwy 120 for 5.2 miles. Take a right. The road splits into Bayou Scie Rd. (right) and Russell Rd. (left). Take Russell Rd. and the church and cemetery are on the left.



Benton United Methodist Church

City	Benton
Address	4615 Palmetto Rd.
Membership	474
Founded	1872



1895-1923

The first church was built in Old Benton on land donated by Elizabeth O'Neill on December 13, 1872. The church was built for use by the Southern Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal Church South, and Protestant Episcopal residents. As the town grew, the Methodist members began to look for a place nearer the center of town for their own church. On May 7, 1894, Mrs. Ada C. Butts sold the church property for a nominal \$1. A church building was completed in October 1895 on Simpson Street. The telephone office now stands on the site.

In 1898, Mrs. Sue T. Abney donated \$50 to buy a lot in the Ann Burns subdivision on which to build a parsonage.

As the congregation grew, larger facilities were needed. In June 1923, Mrs. Adelaide Abney Scanland donated a lot on the corner of Lee and Bellevue Streets to the church. A new white frame church was built and was dedicated on August 20, 1924.

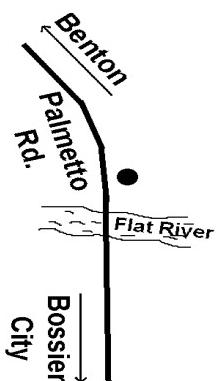
Rev. D.F. Anders began working on plans for a new church as the congregation ran out of space in the late 1940s. Work began on a new \$75,000 church in July 1950. The opening service was led by Bishop Paul Martin on February 11, 1951. The dedication service was held on September 25, 1960. An education building was added on the west side of the sanctuary, followed by a fellowship hall and kitchen in 1978. A parsonage on Jackson Street was also acquired.

A new church was constructed in the late 1990s, with the first service held on February 21, 1999. The new structure contained a sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, classrooms, library, and office space. A tornado hit the area soon thereafter, on April 3. Though the church was only slightly damaged, the parsonage and other homes in the area suffered extensive damage.

Source: Our Journey Over the Years, Abie Johnston & Louise J. Grisham

How to Get There:

Take exit 12 from Hwy 220 in Bossier City. Head north on Airline Dr. After 6.1 miles (just past Flat River), the church will be on the right.



Bethany United Methodist Church



City	Bethany
Address	Hwy. 79
Membership	42
Founded	1899

After land was donated to the church by the J.M. Trosper family, a building was constructed in 1899. At the first service on November 7, 1899, their daughter Alice married Howard Edgar. Services were held on the third Sunday of the month at that time. The church was on the Texas charge in those days. When Rev. M.R. Turner was pastor from 1916 to 1918, a house was rented in Bethany to be used as a parsonage.

Each summer, the congregation held a Brush Arbor Camp Meeting at Bethel. Families often lived in tents during the ten-day gatherings.

Bethany was the only church in town in those days. As it grew, the people wanted more than one service a month. In 1923, the church joined the Louisiana Conference and was placed on a charge with Greenwood.

At first, Sunday School classes were held in the corners of the sanctuary. But by 1934, three classrooms were added onto the church.

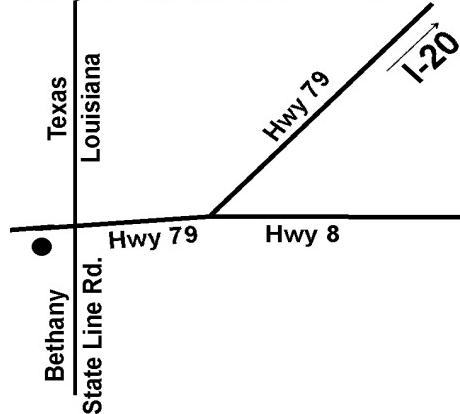
On June 7, 1938, Howard Edgar donated one of his paintings ("Christ and the Rich Young Ruler") to the church in memory of his wife, Alice Trosper Edgar. It still hangs in the church behind the altar.

Using lumber donated by Mr. N.C. McGowen, a parsonage was built in 1944 using the labor of the men in the church. In the mid 1940s, the church became a full-time charge and started receiving ministers from Centenary College. It later went back on a charge with other churches.

Over the years, the church has continued to make changes and improvements as necessary. A new steeple was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander. The sanctuary was remodeled, which included lowering the ceiling. Stained glass windows were given as memorials. Hattie Pearl Brumble crocheted two pieces (the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm) to be hung at each side of the sanctuary. In 1992, one of the classrooms was converted into a pastor's study. The fellowship hall was dedicated in 1995.

How to Get There:

Head west on I-20 out of Shreveport. Take exit 3 and head south (left) on Hwy 79. After passing two flashing lights, the church is on the left (about 6.5 miles from exit 3).



Bethel United Methodist Church



City	Logansport
Address	219 Bethel Rd.
Membership	155
Founded	1888

Oral tradition says that a Methodist church existed in the area before 1885. Records indicate that Rev. John Pipes preached at the Holly Springs Church in the Bethel community in 1881 or 1882. In 1885, Hilton family from Mississippi arrived in the area. As other Methodist families arrived, they held services in private homes. In 1888, the group became organized and set about building a church. Mr. George W. Mosley donated an acre of land and the community got to work on the church. Construction began in early 1889. The congregation was known then as the DeSoto Mission. Pastors in those early days usually made it to town for one service per month.

By 1917, Bethel became a charge of its own and needed a large building. A new church was built. The fundraising drive was led by Mr. Pat Hilton and Mrs. Minnie Stephens. The foundation timber was donated by Mr. W.E. Stephens, Sr. The timber was cut and hauled to the site by Mr. Albert Barlow. A large heater was placed in each corner. Ceiling fans were installed for cooling. Pastors were supplied at that time from Centenary College.

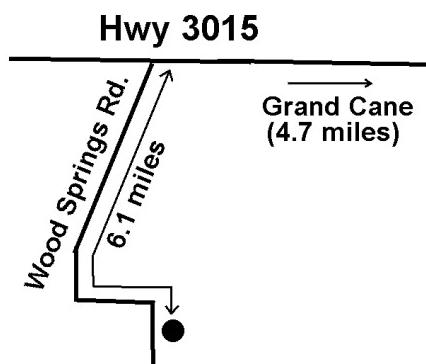
In the 1940s, the four Sunday School rooms were partitioned and the first MYF was formed. After continued growth in the 1950s, three more classrooms were added. The sanctuary was remodeled at that time, adding carpeting and a new piano. A fellowship hall was built.

In 1953 and in 1954, Bethel was named Small Church of the Year. In 1967, Bethel received its first female pastor, Rev. Fredna Reeves. In 1999, the church received two pastors, Rev. Charles Freeman and Rev. Frances Freeman.

A new church building was completed in 1976. As soon as the new church was paid for, a fellowship hall was constructed in 1990.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 171 at Grand Cane, take Hwy 3015 west towards Longstreet. Take a left on Wood Springs Rd. After 6.1 miles, the church will be on the left and the cemetery on the right.



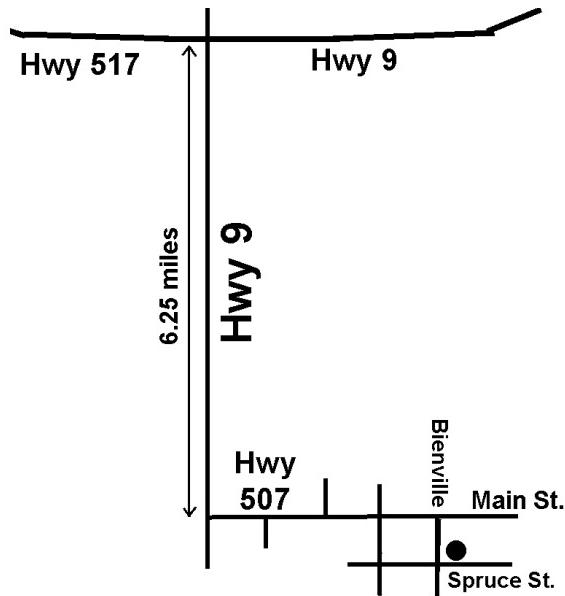
Bienville United Methodist Church



City	Bienville
Address	Spruce St.
Membership	31
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take exit 61 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 154 (Bienville). At Mount Lebanon, continue straight ahead on Hwy 517 (Hwy 154 turn to the right). Upon reaching Bryceland, turn right on Hwy 9 and go 6 miles to Bienville. Turn left on Main St. Turn right on the third street (Bienville St.). The next street is Spruce St. The church will be on the corner on the left.



Bonchest United Methodist Church



City	Mansfield
Address	1983 Sloan Rd.
Membership	55
Founded	1881

The church was established in 1881 at the Sudds Plantation. At that time it was named Providence Methodist Church. Some of the early founders of that original log church were the Sudds (Joseph, Solomon, James, and Grant, Sr.), Sim Anthony Rawls, Hattie Jackson, Molly Johnson, Mary Cooper, Bertha Bailey, Will Freeman, Charlie Adam, Mim Lincoln, and Sampson Blow.

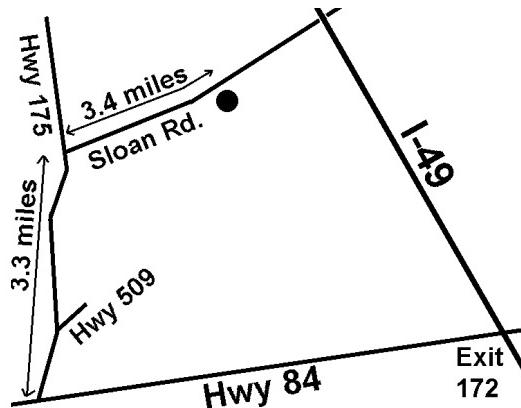
In land currently occupied by the church was deeded to the trustees on February 9, 1887. The first four acres were donated by Lydia E. Dean. Darrylyn and Joyce Middleton also donated 0.76 acres.

In 1899, the church was renamed Bonchest. The original church built at the site was destroyed by a storm. It was rebuilt in 1950.

Founder's Day is celebrated each year on the second Sunday in November.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 84 in Mansfield, take Lake Rd. (Hwy 509/175) north. After half a mile, turn left and take Hwy 175 north. After 2.8 miles, turn right at Sloan Rd. The church is 3.4 miles ahead on the right.



First United Methodist Church – Bossier City



City	Bossier City
Address	201 John Wesley Blvd.
Membership	1330
Founded	1908

In 1908, H. W. Jamison, a student at Centenary College, started holding Sunday School and services at an old store just north of the I.C. Railroad tracks on Traffic Street. The group later moved to a schoolhouse and then to an old school on Broadway Street.

The group was organized in 1910, with five women as the charter members and Rev. J.M. Boykin as the first resident pastor. Property was acquired on Ogilvie Street in 1913 after Will McCormick donated two lots and the church bought another. The parsonage was built in 1919. The first wooden church was built two years later. Funds were raised by Mrs. H.P. Moore (known as the church mother) and other faithful members.

Though additional classrooms were added as membership grew, it became clear that a new facility was needed. In order to build the bigger church, the parsonage was moved. The first service in the new building at 601 Ogilvie Street was on November 6, 1949. Dr. J. Henry Bowdon gave the message on March 19, 1950 as the cornerstone was laid and the organ and furniture dedicated. The old church was converted into classroom space. It was later moved to the back and attached to the Elkins house that had been purchased. Since more space was soon needed, plans began for an education building.

Under the leadership of Rev. Alfred M. Brown, property was purchased on Monroe Street from the W.L. Mabry family. The home on the site was moved behind the parsonage and the land cleared. The first service in the new sanctuary was held on January 20, 1980. The consecration service was led by Bishop Kenneth Shamblin on March 16, 1980.

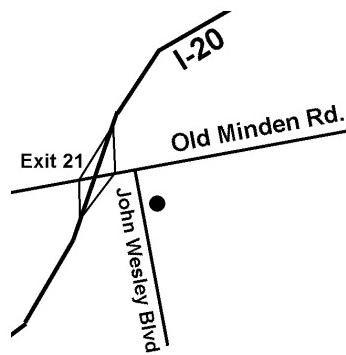
In the early 1980s, the parsonage was sold. A new one was purchased in 1985 at 438 Mayfair Street. The following year, the congregation decided to build two wings onto the facilities for new classrooms.

The music program expanded at the end of the decade as the church hired its first full-time Minister of Music (Sidney Monteguido), bought a set of handbells, received a new grand piano, and started a Gospel Choir and several children's choirs.

In 1992, the church renovated its facilities and bought the Waller property next to the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 21 from I-20 in Bossier City to Old Minden Road. Turn right at the first street (John Wesley Blvd.). The church is on the left.



Broadmoor United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	3715 Youree Dr.
Membership	2757
Founded	1939

In August 1939, Rev. George Pearce, Jr. was appointed to organize a new church in the Broadmoor area of Shreveport. The first service was held at the Music Hall at Centenary on September 17, 1939. By November, the church was organized with 107 charter members. In those first three years, the congregation purchased land for a church and a parsonage (at 123 Albert). Rev. R. Leonard Cooke led the church in building the first unit of the church facilities. The first service in the new building was on October 7, 1945. The membership had risen to 575 by that time. The dedication for that building was held on October 31, 1948.

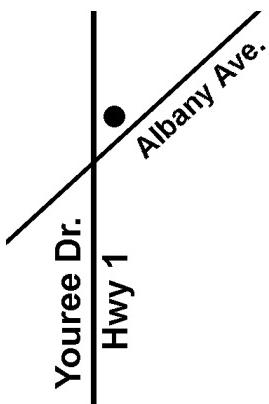
A new sanctuary was built from 1950 to 1952. By the time of the first service in that new structure in January 1952, membership stood at about 1,500. In 1955, work began on a new three-story education building. A new parsonage at 186 Stuart was built under the leadership of Rev. Harbuck.

Property on Ardmore was purchased while Rev. James T. Harris served as pastor. The sanctuary and education building were dedicated in October 1965. A gift from the G.M. Anderson family allowed for the purchase of a new parsonage at 6002 Fern. Five lots were bought while Rev. Crichlow served as pastor; these were paved and used as a parking lot.

The youth activities building was constructed in 1969. Additional parking space was added on the east side of Albany Street in the 1980s.

How to Get There:

On Youree Dr. (Hwy 1), about 0.6 miles south of Kings Hwy, the church is located on the NE corner of Youree and Albany Ave.



Brushwood United Methodist Church



City	Dubberly
Address	6320 Brushwood Dr.
Membership	126
Founded	1866

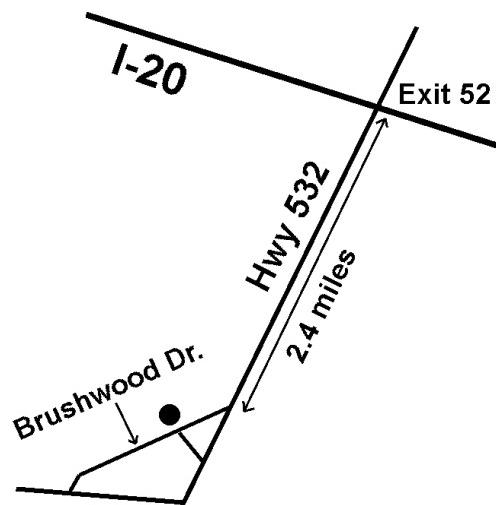
The church was organized in 1866 with seven charter members: Lizzie Heflin, Matt Heflin, Susan McCrary, Ed Kennon, Susan Myrick, Eliza Boyett, and Jim Heflin. The first church was a log cabin situated southeast of the present church. The church location later changed after the V.S. and P. Railway donated land to the church in 1882. A new frame church was built on the site.

A building fund was started in 1945 while Rev. C.M. Morris was pastor. Construction started under the leadership of Rev. E.A. Keasler in June 1947. The first service in the new \$10,000 building took place on the first Sunday in October of 1947.

The Ellen Hall, named in honor of Mrs. Ellen Holoman, was constructed from 1961 to 1964.

How to Get There:

Take exit 52 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 532 for 2.4 miles. Turn right on Brushwood Dr. (at the Volunteer Fire Dept. before the RR tracks), and the church and cemetery will be on the right.



Castor United Methodist Church



City	Castor
Address	Front
Membership	64
Founded	

The Castor church began in the 1800s in the old town of Castor. Church records show that the Old Castor Church was probably built before 1852 of logs. Most of the families living in the vicinity were Methodists, though Baptists worshipped there as well.

In 1853, Rev. S.J. Graves was the first pastor assigned to the Castor circuit. The church had 122 members by the end of the year. The circuit took the name Sparta for a while, but later returned to Castor.

When the railroad was built three miles to the west of the church in 1900, the community moved. Though the Old Castor church burned down in 1926, it was rebuilt a few years later for use as a chapel for the Old Castor Cemetery.

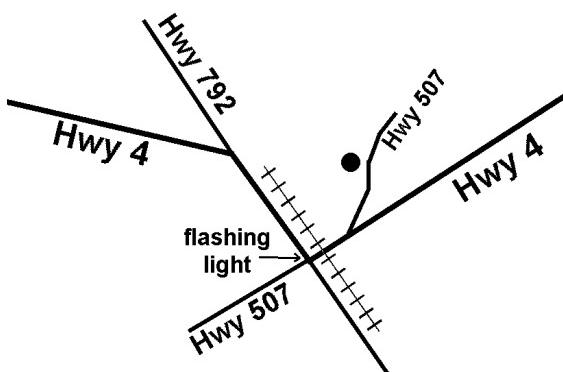
During Rev. George Anders stay, a revival held in 1906 resulted in forty people joining the church. A new church was built in 1912. The first floor was used as a school as well as a church. A fire destroyed the records about this time, so little details are known.

In 1997, the McCoy family left the Ringgold church to help revitalize the Castor Church. Other young families joined, and average attendance was up to 45. A youth program began on Sunday evenings.

On Easter Sunday, April 23, 2000, a tornado damaged much of the town, including the Sanctuary of the church. Through gifts and projects the church was rebuilt.

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 371/7 to Ringgold. Turn left (east) on Hwy 4 and go to Castor. Turn right on Hwy 792. After about 0.4 miles, turn left on Hwy 507 at the flashing light. Take the first left and the church will be on the left.



Christ United Methodist Church



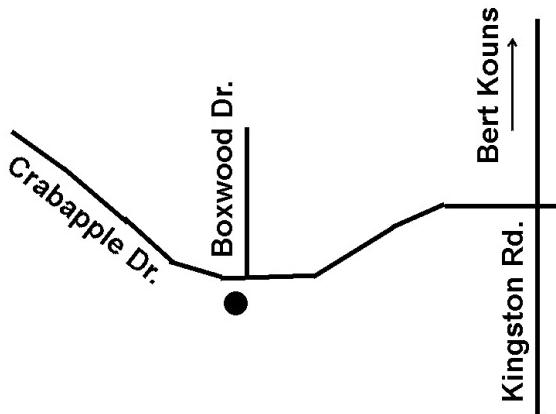
City	Shreveport
Address	1204 Crabapple Dr.
Membership	787
Founded	1962

On Feb. 22, 1961 the Shreveport District Board of Missions had acquired 5.45 acres in the 1200 block of Crabapple Boulevard for \$16,500. After conducting a neighborhood survey in 1961, an organizational meeting was held at the Peal home in March 1962. The name Christ was selected over Southern Hills as the title for the new church. The first service was held by Rev. Oscar Cloyd on June 17, 1962 in the Southern Hills Elementary School. The church was chartered on August 12 of that year. A parsonage at 9008 Blom Blvd. was purchased for \$19,750.

Groundbreaking for the church was on November 3, 1962. That church was used until 1977. The current sanctuary, with a seating capacity of 500, was constructed that year at a cost of \$480,000. A \$96,000 parsonage was also built that year. An activities building was constructed in 1988.

How to Get There:

From I-49, take exit 199 and head west on Hwy 526 (Bert Kouns). Turn left on Kingston Rd. after a mile and a half. After about 2/3 of a mile, turn right on Crabapple Dr. After about 6 blocks, the church will be on the left.



Colquitt United Methodist Church



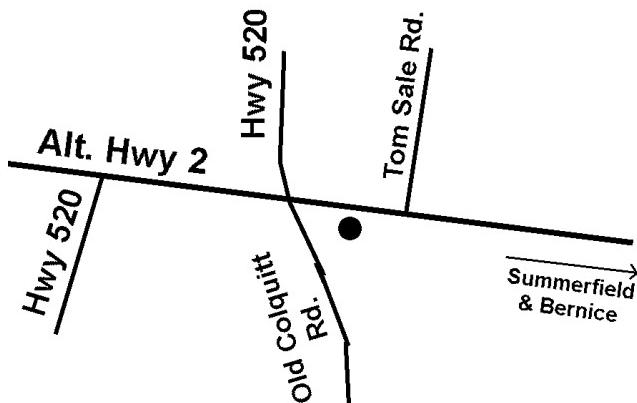
City	Colquitt
Address	Alt. Hwy 2
Membership	16
Founded	1850

Records place the beginning of the church back to 1852, though there was probably a church for some years before that time. The first church, a two-room log building, used one room for church activities and the other as a community school. A sign on the church says that the Methodists were established in 1850 and the Baptists in 1876. After the building was burned down on May 31, 1885, services were held at the Masonic Lodge for a while. In 1886, a new church was built. That church is now the auditorium of the present church.

The church had to be repaired in 1912 after it was blown off its foundation by a tornado. Changes and repairs were also made under the leadership of Rev. B.H. Andrews in 1936-37. Three classrooms and a fellowship hall were constructed in 1950 under the leadership of Rev. W.D. Milton, with additional rooms added in 1954 while Rev. J.H. Midyett was pastor.

How to Get There:

Take exit 85 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 167 past Bernice. Just north of Bernice, turn left (west) on Alt. Hwy 2. After about 20 miles, the church will be on the left.



Cotton Valley United Methodist Church



City	Cotton Valley
Address	150 Church St.
Membership	56
Founded	1847

In 1847, Thomas Applewhite built a small log structure in the Cotton Valley area to be used as a church and community center. That early church was located several hundred yards east of the site later used by the Ohio Oil Camp. After a few years, a split log building was constructed. Its location was about 100 yards east of the present Cotton Valley cemetery.

The Christian society was organized into a Methodist church around 1863. The circuit rider would hold services the fourth Sunday of the month. The first minister to live in the community was Rev. Houston Armstrong.

A new church was built in 1887 across the road from the old church. The new structure had many glass windows bordered by green blinds.

About 1906, the church relocated to Cotton Valley. Rev. E.L. Cargill led in building a new structure in 1827. It was divided into classrooms and a new sanctuary was constructed by 1929. In November 1947, the church celebrated its first homecoming.

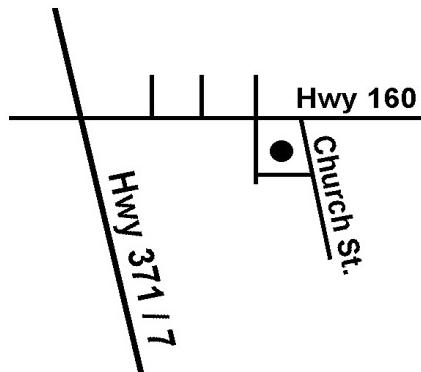
On December 31, 1947, a tornado destroyed most of Cotton Valley. The new sanctuary (an army chapel moved to the site from Mississippi) and the parsonage were damaged, but were soon repaired. The formal opening of the new sanctuary took place in May 1948 under the leadership of Rev. Merlin W. Merrill. It was later dedicated by Bishop Paul Martin on October 31, 1948.

The first section of a new education building was built in early 1949. The last unit was completed under the leadership of Rev. J.P. McKeithen in 1950.

When the church was struck by lightning on May 25, 1969, the sanctuary burned down. It was rebuilt and dedicated on February 8, 1970 under the direction of Rev. Terral T. Lowe.

How to Get There:

Take exit 44 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 371/7 to Cotton Valley. Turn right (east) at the flashing light in town onto Hwy 160. After about half a mile, turn right on Church St. Take the first right, and the church is on the right.



Coushatta United Methodist Church



City	Coushatta
Address	2014 Front St.
Membership	221
Founded	1880s

Though services were held by circuit riders in the area for a number of years, the first church building was constructed under the leadership of Rev. J.B. Cassity between 1880 and 1883. Rev. H.W. Bowman was pastor when a parsonage was built in 1890. Both of these structures were located near the Red River.

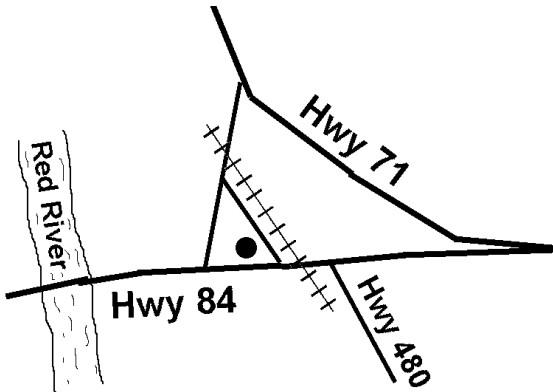
A church record dated October 30, 1880 shows that the church had a parsonage and land valued at \$600. A church, 36 by 57 feet with a “magnificent” organ and lit with lamps was listed. The church was located on a lot donated by Mrs. Nancy A. Scheen and Mrs. Julius Lisso.

The current education building was built in 1923 under the leadership of Rev. Louis Hoffpaur. A brick church was constructed in 1924. A new sanctuary was built next to the 1924 church in 1962. A two-story parsonage was built in 1946 while Rev. Sam Holladay served as pastor. The current parsonage was built while Rev. Douglas Williams served in 1964.

In 1996, renovations for the Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall were completed.

How to Get There:

From Hwy. 84/1, turn east. After 2.4 miles (and passing over the Red River), the church will be on your left.



Cross Roads United Methodist Church



City	Cross Roads
Address	Hwy. 71
Membership	24
Founded	1946

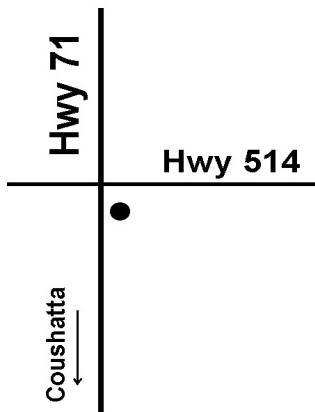
A Bible study began in the home of Mrs. R.H. Moore and Mrs. Mavia Lewter in the mid 1940s. Mrs. Moore asked Rev. H.C. Horsworthy, pastor at Hall Summitt, to hold services. So he began holding services in Mrs. Moore's home. After a revival in the yard in the summer of 1946, several people joined with them to become charter members of the church. Land was donated for a church by Mrs. Mavia Lewter. The location of the church later changed because the electric company wouldn't put up a light pole at the original location. In 1948, Mr. N.L. McConnell donated land for the new site of the church. The community worked together to raise the money for a new church. At first, they bought an old store from Mr. McConnell for \$600 to use as a temporary church. That money was later given back to the church's building fund.

Only \$500 was spent on labor, since the members volunteered their labor. Construction was completed under the leadership of Rev. Squyres, the church's first full-time pastor. A church in Shreveport donated the pews.

In the 1950s, four classrooms and a recreation center were constructed. Two more classrooms were added when Rev. McCarty served as pastor. Over the years, many improvements were added to the church. Some of these are a lighted cross, an organ, pews, carpeting, and a sign.

How to Get There:

The church is on the east side of the road, about 200 yards south of the Hwy 71 and Hwy 514 intersection at Cross Roads.



Doyline United Methodist Church



City	Doyline
Address	116 Main St.
Membership	135
Founded	1885

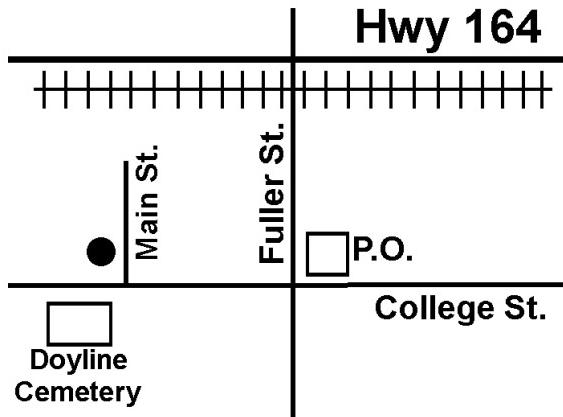
According to an article in the New Orleans Christian Advocate, the Doyline church was being built as of December 3, 1885. An obituary by Rev. R.M. Blocker on that date for Miss Emma N. Doyle noted that the “church is now going up.” The dedication for the new church was held in the fall of 1886. Services had been held previously. Capt. D.B. Doyle joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at a meeting by Rev. S.S. Scott held in a nearby home in 1872. One member recalled meetings held outdoors under a brush arbor.

The first church was a square structure. It was later moved on logs around 1915 and became a store. A second church was built in 1916. There were two separate entry doors in a vestibule in the southeast corner. It was a divided sanctuary, with men sitting on one side and women on the other. It faced the highway, with the pulpit at the north end.

The current church was built in 1926. Though it is now white, it was painted brown at first. In the 1940s, classrooms, a kitchen, and a pastor’s study (later the nursery) were added. The church bell was donated to the church by Mr. J. Gladden Willis, Sr.

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 371/7 for three and a half miles. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 164 in Sibley. After 6.5 miles, turn left on Hwy 163. After 200 yards, turn right on College St. The church will be on the right on Main St.



Ellerbe Road United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	10130 Ellerbe Church Rd.
Membership	166
Founded	1954

The church was organized on January 10, 1954. Alton O. Hancock, a student at Centenary, was assigned as a student pastor. The new church met at the YWCA Camp Margaret. Thirty-eight charter members and three associate members were received. Property was soon purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richmond Jacobs at the corner of East Pecan Street and Ellerbe Church Road. Rev. Webb D. Pomeroy was appointed pastor of the church in June 1954. Groundbreaking for the church was held on July 11, 1954. With members pitching in for labor, the church was ready for occupancy on January 2, 1955. Additional interior work was completed over the next few months. The debt on the church was paid off by 1960 and a dedication service held on September 25, 1960.

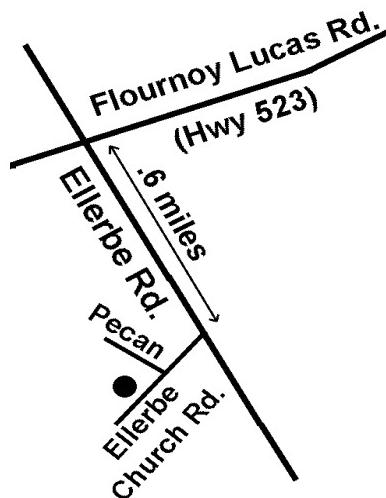
Dr. Pomeroy continued to serve until 1964. During his pastorate, a wing (including a kitchen, fellowship hall, and a classroom) was added to the facilities.

In 1970, under the leadership of Rev. Fredrick A. Mead, the morning service time changed from 11 am to 9:45 am.

In the mid 1980s, after Dr. Benedict A. Galloway was appointed pastor, some of the younger women of the church led in reorganizing the Sunday School, holding a Vacation Church School ... and the church began to grow. The worship time changed to 10:50 am in 1984.

How to Get There:

From I-20, take exit 199 and head east on Hwy 526 (E. Bert Kouns). Turn right on Ellerbe Rd. [the road goes over Ellerbe, so you'll have to take a left and loop around]. After 0.6 miles, turn right onto Ellerbe Church Rd. The church will be on the right just after Pecan.



Evergreen Union Church



City	
Address	Evergreen School Rd.
Membership	45
Founded	1858

In 1858, the Crow school/church was built on the Philip Lewis place on Lewisville Road. In 1870, the location moved to the Ike Merritt (later, Albert Payne) place. It was named the Evergreen Union Church and a Sunday School was organized.

In 1889, land was donated to the church by Mr. Merrill Monk, the first Sunday School Superintendent. A new building was built for use as both a church and a schoolhouse. In those days, the pastor usually came from Haynesville.

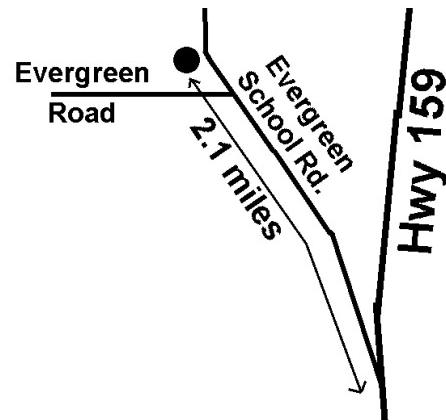
In 1915, four acres of land were bought from R.L. Lewis for a new church and a cemetery. The church was two stories, with the second story used for Masonic meetings. The community provided the labor and much of the lumber was sawed by W.M. and W.S. Martin.

In 1920, the Baptist Church was reorganized.

In 1939, the church saw the need for a larger church with classroom space. With much help from John D. Mims, the new church was built. The community helped to demolish the old building and make cement blocks for the new one. The first service was on February 3, 1946. Roy Akin and Carvelis Johnson were pastors at that time. Evergreen is still operated as a Union Church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head north into Minden on Hwy 371/7 (Sibley Rd.). Turn right on Broadway St. (Hwy 79) go to 3rd St./Lewisville Rd. Turn left onto Lewisville Rd. (Hwy 159) and go about 12 miles (about 3.2 miles past the Pine Grove UMC). Turn left on Hwy 262 (Evergreen School Rd.). The church and cemetery are on the left after 2.1 miles.



Fairfield United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	1706 Severine
Membership	150
Founded	1875

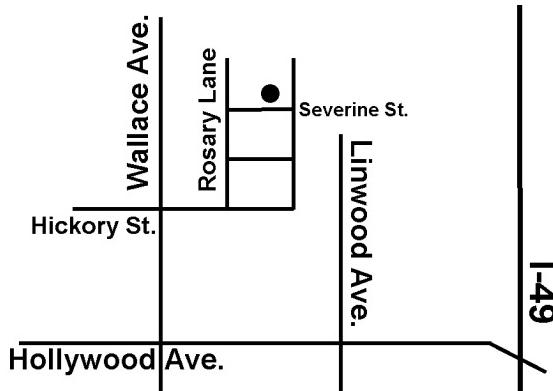
Several members ... Louis and Ann Hutchinson, Dave and Emma McClinton, Simon McCoy, Ann Riddle, James Berry, and James Johnson ... desired to worship somewhere beside the balcony of First Church. After Louis and Ann Hutchinson donated an acre of land, they built a brush arbor under which to hold services. The church was organized under the leadership of Rev. Perry Hall in 1875.

The first church was built in 1877 under the leadership of Rev. A. Legardy. The location of that church was the corner of Fairfield Road and Hutchinson Lane (the current Linwood and Hollywood Avenues).

The current church was built in 1960 under the leadership of Rev. Hubbard Daniel. In 1965, a lot on the corner of Severine and Rosary Lane was donated to the church by Mrs. Martha Hutchinson McCoy.

How to Get There:

From Hollywood Avenue (in between Hearne Avenue (Hwy 171) and I-49, turn north on Wallace Avenue. Turn right after 4 blocks onto Hickory Street. Take the first left (Rosary Lane) and turn right after 2 blocks onto Severine St. The church will be on the left.



Fairview United Methodist Church



City	Keithville
Address	5447 Colquitt Rd.
Membership	21
Founded	



1967

The church was founded over 100 years ago by Rev. Jack McKee. In 1907, Rev. W.L. Dyas led the members in building better church facilities. That church, though remodeled over the years, is still in use today.

In 1912, Rev. J.A. Vinson held the church's largest baptismal service, with twenty-four added to the church. In 1959, electricity was installed and the ceilings were lowered under the leadership of Rev. E.L. Berry. The first choir was organized by Rev. A.L. White in 1963.

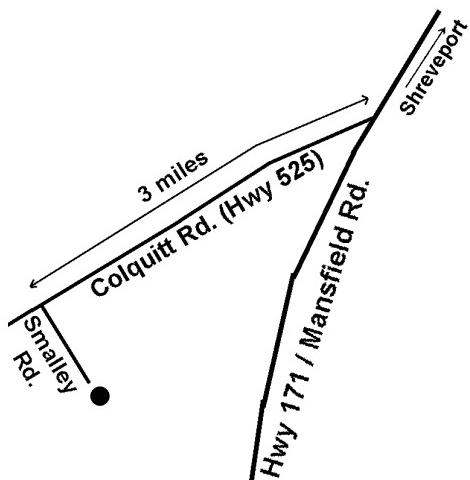
Numerous improvements were made during the long tenure of Rev. Oscar E. Player. At the church for 28 years, he was there as the sanctuary was sheet-rocked, new hymnals and choir robes were purchased, and the facilities were built. The added facilities included restrooms, offices, classrooms, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall.

The foyer and two front restrooms were renovated in 1994. Additional improvements were made in the sanctuary. In 1997, the church acquired new furniture. Central air and heat were added in 2000.

After Rev. Donny Nedd arrived in 2001, he organized the United Methodist Men and a church sign was erected

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 171 (Mansfield Rd.) out of Shreveport. About 1.8 miles past Hwy 3132, turn right onto Colquitt Rd. After 3 miles, turn left onto Smalley Rd. (dirt/gravel road). The church and cemetery are 0.4 miles further.



Faith United Methodist Church

City	Shreveport
Address	6806 Southern Ave.
Membership	243
Founded	1989



Rev. Willie Jackson, Jr. was appointed to start a new congregation in June 1989. The new congregation began in the building that had been used by the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church. That structure had been built in 1939 under the leadership of Rev. Jolly B. Harper.

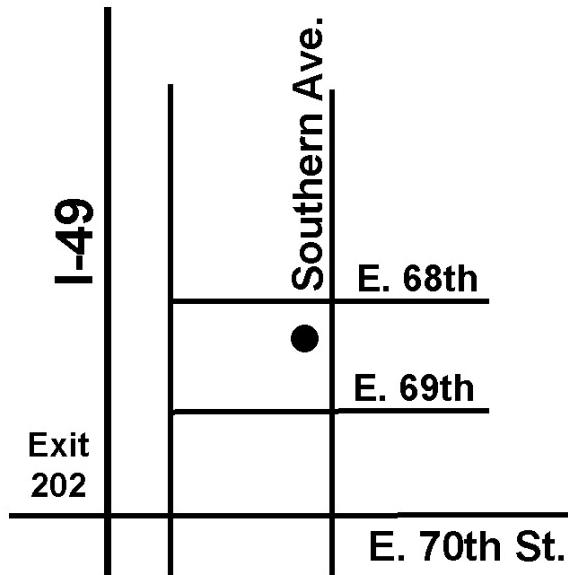
The vision for the new church was for it to be a mission church with a worshipping congregation. It was organized from June 24, 1989 to September 9, 1990. The church had forty-nine members by the time of its first charge conference on October 15, 1989.

Cedar Grove, which had been organized in 1914, shared the facility with Faith until 1995. At that time, the Cedar Grove congregation merged with the Morningside congregation.

Faith UMC continues to maintain an active Outreach Ministry. It works with other local churches in ministries such tutoring and in providing food and clothes to people in need.

How to Get There:

Head one block east of I-49's exit 202 on E. 70th St. (Hwy 511). Turn north on Southern Ave. The church will be on the left between E.69th and E.68th Streets.



Fellowship United Methodist Church



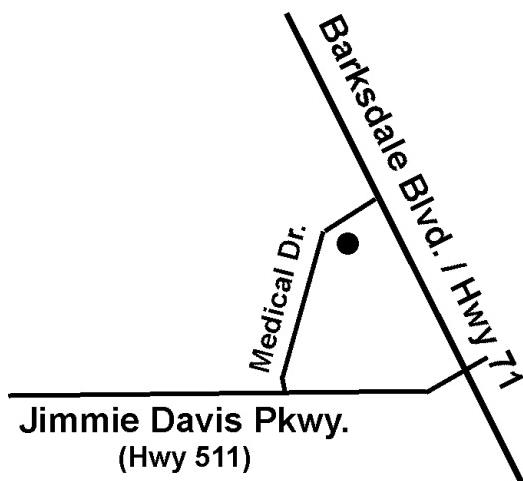
City	Bossier City
Address	4750 Barksdale Blvd.
Membership	603
Founded	1990

In 1990, the Shreveport District Board of Missions bought 5.2 acres on which to start a new church south of Bossier City. Rev. Gregory R. Davis was appointed to start the new church and began organizational meetings on August 6, 1990 at the Riverview Nursing Home. The group chose the name Fellowship for the new church.

The first service was held December 2, 1990 at the girls' gym of Parkway High School. The present church was later built at the property on Barksdale Blvd.

How to Get There:

Heading south on Hwy 71 out of Bossier City, Turn right on Medical Drive. The church will be on your left. Heading east on Jimmie Davis Hwy (511) from Shreveport, cross the river and turn left on Medical Drive. The church will be around the curve on your right.



Gibsland United Methodist Church



City	Gibsland
Address	2223 Gibbs St.
Membership	46
Founded	1848

In 1848, Capt. Jesse Smith and others organized a Methodist Church near Sparta. The first services were held in private homes. Services were also held at the Mt. Lebanon Female Academy and the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. In 1862, Dr. Jasper Biggs gave the church a lot on the north side of the old parallelogram at Mt. Lebanon. Capt. Smith had led the fundraising effort for a new church building for a number of years.

The first pastor assigned to the Mt. Lebanon-Sparta-Castor-Holder circuit was Rev. Thomas J. Upton. He led the congregation in building a church, which was completed in 1868. Hand-hewn timbers were used for the frame. The walls were boarded, and the cracks were covered with strips of wood. The pews were made of heavy planks with straight backs. The middle section of the pews was twice the width of the side pews. A partition as high as the pew backs went down the middle of the church. The carpentry was provided by the pastor and church members. They wanted to dedicate the church with a message by Bishop Marvin (who was in the area) but still owed \$400. Mrs. Jesse Smith advanced them the money so that the service could be held.

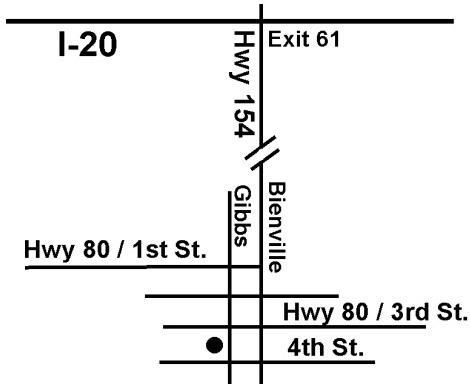
Since the population in the area was scarce, the congregation decided to move to Gibsland to reach more people. In late spring 1885, Mrs. Elizabeth Blaylock bought a lot on Gibbs Street for \$25 and gave it to the church. The church at Mt. Lebanon was dismantled and brought to the new location. Mrs. Blaylock later bought a parsonage for the church. Rev. Parvin was the first pastor at the new location.

In 1923, Rev. C.E. McLean started the congregation thinking about a new church. On September 7, 1926, the old church was torn down and sold for lumber. While construction took place, the members met at the schoolhouse. The new church was completed in August 1927. The church was dedicated by Bishop Hoyt Dobbs on August 30, 1936. A pipe organ was added in the 1950s.

In 1940, Rev. E.W. Day led the church in the construction of a new parsonage. Additional improvements have been made through the years.

How to Get There:

Take exit 61 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 154 (Bienville). After crossing the tracks, turn right (west) at the flashing light onto 3rd St. Then take a left on Gibbs St. The church will be on the right.



Gilliam United Methodist Church



City	Gilliam
Address	12835 Adger Rd.
Membership	101
Founded	1902



Belcher UMC

Rev. Jenkins would stop at the home of Mrs. Bill Gilliam on route from Plain Dealing to Mooringsport. On one such stop, he was persuaded to hold a service in the community. Since there was no place to meet, that first service was held in a railroad box car. Attendees climbed up a ladder to the car and sat on boxes for the service. Soon after, the community decided to build a church. Though it was first proposed as a Union church, the majority of interested persons were Methodist and they decided to build a Methodist church. The hat was passed and \$200 collected. In 1902, the first church was built. It was located across the bayou, just north of the current site.

The first preacher assigned to the new church was Rev. R.J. Harp. He lived in a rented apartment during his pastorate. When a parsonage was built in Ida in 1905, the circuit pastor stayed there.

In 1908, a storm destroyed the church. After rebuilding their homes, the began reconstructing the church. The new, larger church was built later that year south of the bayou. The cross atop the church was salvaged from the wreckage of the original church.

Under the leadership of Rev. James L. Beasley, the congregation decided to build a new church in 1955. Rev. Beasley could often be found lending a hand in the construction of the brick facility.

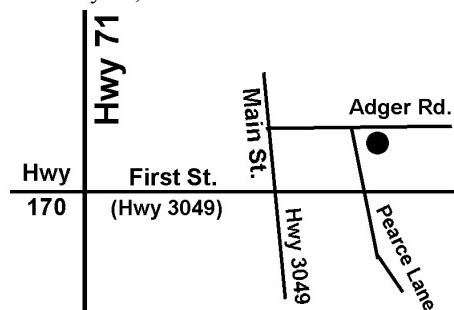
In 2003, the Belcher congregation merged with Gilliam. The first church services were held in Belcher on the lower floor of a two-story building near the railroad. Community dances were held on the upper floor. Services were also held once a month at the Presbyterian church for a while.

In 1914-15, Mr. L.F.C. Pearce and Dr. J.E. Henderson began raising funds to build a church in town. Though both soon died, their work was completed by Dr. T.B. Tooke, Mr. W.E. McDade, and Mr. L.J. Pitts. Property was purchased on May 24, 1916 from Mr. W.E. Dade for \$200. The church was built later that same year. It had a curved altar and three stained glass windows. The church's first appointed pastor was Rev. J.C. Price. A parsonage was later purchased (1919-21) while Rev. A.H. Parker was pastor.

Under the leadership of Rev. James L. Beasley, a new sanctuary was constructed. The old sanctuary was incorporated into the new facilities, which was completed by January 1955. A fourth stained glass window was also added. The first service in the new sanctuary was held on February 13, 1955.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 71 out of Shreveport. In Gilliam, turn right on 1st St. After 1/3 of a mile, turn left on Main St. Then take the first right on Adger Street. The church is one block down on the right.



Grace Community United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	9400 Ellerbe Rd.
Membership	1710
Founded	1992

In June 1992, Rev. Rob Weber was given \$3000 and directed to start a church in south Shreveport. After learning about new church development, Rev. Weber began working with a core group of 25-50 people. They met at Live Oak Retirement Community on Sunday evenings for study and planning. The work received a boost when a newspaper ran a front page article on the new congregation.

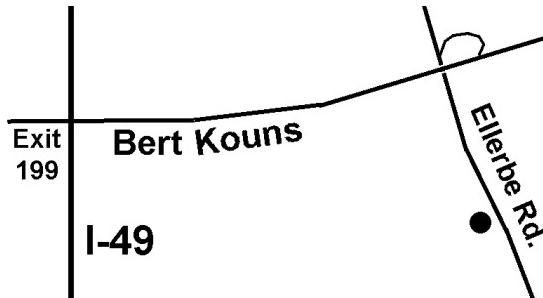
In September 1992, the core group began a telephone calling campaign, followed by a 5-week mailing campaign to generate interest in the church. The attendance was 302 for the first worship service, held at Captain Shreve High School on December 5, 1992. Classrooms were used for nurseries. Average attendance at the beginning was about 175, but it steadily grew.

The church was opened for membership with a Celebration Service on February 14, 1993. The church received 150 adults and 55 children that day. The Constituting Conference was held later that day to officially make it a United Methodist congregation.

In March 1996, the congregation moved into a 26,000 sq. ft. facility on 18 acres of land. The youth area was expanded and parking lots paved in 1997. Saturday evening services began in 1998. A Master Plan for use of the site, including cooperation with the YMCA camp next door, was developed in 2002. Work began on a community hall, new office space, and an expansion of the children and youth facilities in 2003.

How to Get There:

From I-20, take exit 199 and head east on Hwy 526 (E. Bert Kouns). Turn right on Ellerbe Rd. [the road goes over Ellerbe, so you'll have to take a left and loop around]. The church is about a mile south, on the right side of the road.



Grand Cane United Methodist Church

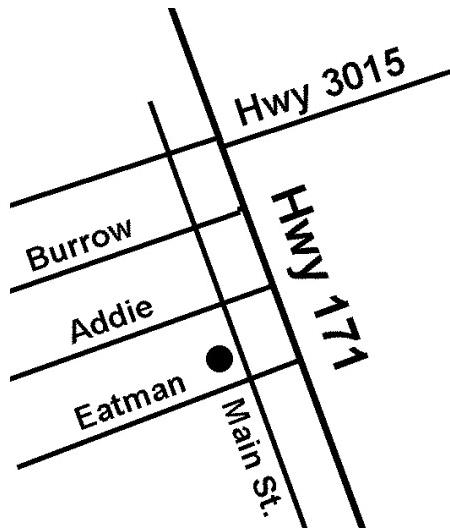


City	Grand Cane
Address	Hwy. 171
Membership	98
Founded	

The church, built in 1888, is listed in the National Register of Historical Places. It is “A Small Church with a Big Heart.”

How to Get There:

Head into Grand Cane on Hwy 171. Turn on Hwy 3015 and head west for one block. Turn south (left) onto Main Street. The church is on your right on the third block.



Greenwood United Methodist Church



City	Greenwood
Address	9219 Church St.
Membership	84
Founded	1839

The first preachers to the area were circuit riders in the 1830s and 1840s. The Methodist Society of Greenwood began meeting in homes in 1839. A simple, white frame church (no steeple or bell) was built in 1840 at 7038 Magnolia Street.

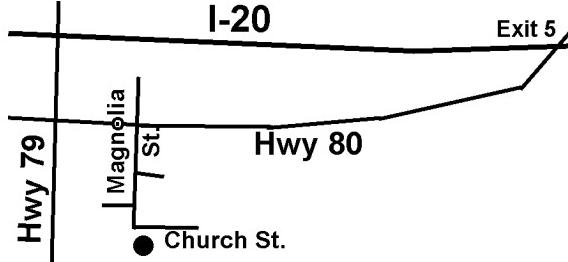
In September 1869, the parsonage next to the church was bought for \$400 from W.W. Harper. The following year, the church burned down. For over two decades (1870 to 1893), church was held at the two-story school Academy on the north side of the school grounds (now a Baptist church). Though they had raised \$1000 in the building fund drive, times were hard and money scarce. Finally, in 1893, a new white frame church was built on the original site. This structure had a steeple with a bell in it.

When the congregation outgrew the second church, a third was built down the street at Magnolia and Church Streets in 1916. The first story consisted of classrooms and recreation space. The pews from the second church were installed on the second floor sanctuary of the new church.

On September 28, 1928, the church caught fire. Although it burned down, the congregation carried out as much as they could ... pews, pulpit, and the piano. The fourth and current church was built on the same site in 1929. The high ceilings have since been lowered. The 1893 bell was installed in the steeple. A painting of "Christ in Gethsemane" by H.E. Edgar hangs behind the choir loft. The church also displays paintings of the second and third church buildings.

How to Get There:

Heading west on I-20 out of Shreveport, take exit 3 and head south (left) on Hwy 79. Turn left on Hwy 79/80 (Greenwood Rd). Turn right after 0.3 mile onto Magnolia St. After a couple of hundred yards, the church is on Church St. to the left.



Hall Summit United Methodist Church



City	Hall Summit
Address	Conley St.
Membership	34
Founded	1906

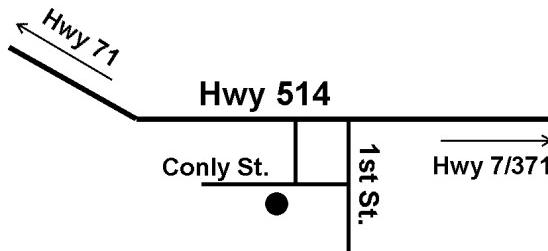
Though there were probably services held in the area earlier, the Hall Summit church traces its origin to 1906. In that year, Samuel N. Stephens and John Andrew Lawson sold two lots to the Methodist Protestant Church for \$50 in cash. The deed stated that when the Methodist Protestant congregation wasn't using it, the church had to be made available for "any caucasian orthodox denomination" to use. In 1917, the church switched to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the property was sold to the Hall Summit Baptist Church. The Methodists then held their services at the old Woodman Hall.

Sister Bartley and Sister Pardue would hold travel from Texas to hold services in the area at that time. In 1920, the Hall Summit Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized by Rev. R.L. Armstrong. A lot was donated to the church on January 31, 1922 by William Sconyers and J. Fred Sconyers. A parsonage was built on the lot, with Rev. D.C. Bennett as its first occupant. On February 7, 1924, the church bought property with a building on it. Construction began on a new church building in 1926 under the leadership of Rev. W.F. Henderson.

In 1954, the church purchased the adjoining property. The house on the property was sold for \$300 and used towards the building of a new parsonage. Rev. Floyd Durham moved into the new parsonage in 1956.

How to Get There:

From Hwy. 71, turn east on Hwy 514 at Cross Roads. After 5.2 miles, turn right on 1st Street in Hall Summit. Turn right after one block onto Conley Street. The church will be about one block away on the left.



Haughton United Methodist Church



City	Haughton
Address	215 East McKinley
Membership	98
Founded	1885

The church was organized in 1885. Nearby Fillmore Methodist Episcopal Church had closed, and the members of that congregation became founding members of the Haughton church.

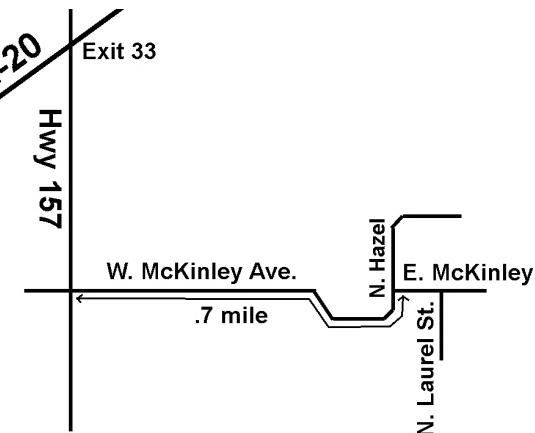
The original church structure was used until 1910. A new church was built that year, and the original church served as the parsonage. A new parsonage was built in 1949.

Construction of a new church began in late 1947. The church was soon completed and the first service held on May 16, 1948. Services were held once a month in those days.

Love Chapel on Hwy. 80 began as a mission of the Haughton church.

How to Get There:

Heading east on I-20 from Shreveport, take exit 33 and head south on Hwy 157 (N. Elm). After about a mile, turn left onto W. McKinley (Hwy 614). You'll have to turn right on N. Maple, which turns left into N. Taylor, which turns left into N. Hazel. Turn right at a flashing light onto E. McKinley and the church will be on the right just past N. Laurel St.



Haynesville United Methodist Church



City	Haynesville
Address	Taylor & 1 st St. W.
Membership	307
Founded	1855



Shady Grove M.P. Church

Shortly after "Old Town" was settled, J.C. Taylor donated land to the church. A log church was constructed on the site of the current Haynesville Cemetery. It was destroyed by a fire, and a new frame one-room church was built in the latter 1850s by Joseph W. Camp and a Choctaw. Mr. Camp left the church, which was forty-eight feet long, without a top when he left for the Civil War. He finished the church when he returned from the war.

After a storm destroyed the church in 1878 or 1879, John W. McEachern and "Uncle Gus" Gilmore rebuilt it in 1880 or 1881. They used some of the materials from the previous church. One of those early churches had a divider down the middle, with the males sitting on one side and females sitting on the other.

The last quarterly conference was held at "Old Town" in 1897. The building was used for other purposes until it was torn down in 1932. Sunday School was held in New Haynesville until after 1910. It served as a chapel for funerals until the 1920s.

The community moved two miles north in 1898 when it was announced that a railroad to Homer would be built through there. The congregation also moved to "New Town" or "New Haynesville." In 1900, a new frame building was constructed for the church by Crate Moore. After the church was destroyed by a 1902 storm, it was rebuilt. That church building stood until 1922, when it was torn down to construct the current brick church under the leadership of Rev. A.J. Gearhead.

Church services and meetings were being held by the Ward's Chapel congregation about four miles north of Haynesville by 1871. In 1872, the name was changed to New Salem. The church moved to the Military Road about 1880. When oil was discovered in the area around 1921, the church property was sold and the congregation transferred to the Haynesville church.

Shady Grove Methodist Protestant Church had been organized in 1853 by Rev. Peter McDonald. After holding services under a brush arbor, a log church was built. It had a large fireplace at one end and a pulpit at the other. It would get cold in the winter, because a log was taken out of the wall behind the pulpit to provide light. The log church was replaced by a frame building in the 1870s, and a third church was built in 1893/94. After the 1921 oil discovery, the church property was sold. Some of the members organized a Methodist Protestant church in Haynesville and built a brick church and parsonage there in 1923. In 1928, the Shady Grove and Haynesville members merged to become the Shady Grove Methodist Protestant Church.

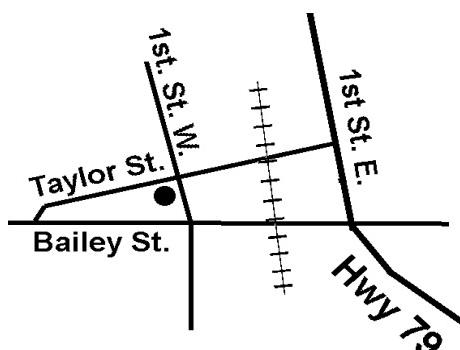
In 1939, the Shady Grove Methodist Protestant Church and the Haynesville First Methodist Episcopal Church, South merged. Since the Shady Grove church was only two blocks away from the First Church, both buildings were used until 1957 ... with morning services at one location and evening services at the other. When the Shady Grove church and parsonage were sold in 1957, the money was used towards a new parsonage. The old parsonage is used as a craft house. The cornerstone from the Shady Grove church was placed beside the Haynesville church's cornerstone and names on its memorial windows were added to the Haynesville windows.

An \$80,000 education building was built in 1950-51 under the leadership of Rev. W.D. Milton.

Source: Our Methodist Heritage: 1855-1982

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 79 out of Minden. In Haynesville, turn left on Bailey Ave. After passing the tracks, turn right on 1st St. W. The church is on the left at the corner of Taylor Dr. and 1st.



Heflin United Methodist Church



City	Heflin
Address	124 Church St.
Membership	75
Founded	1920

The church began in 1920, when Rev. A.L. Harper began holding services for eighteen members in afternoon services. The current church was built in 1928 under the leadership of Rev. T.J. Holladay. It was dedicated on April 11, 1935. Membership grew with the increase in the local sawmill industry in the 1950s and 1960s.

The fellowship hall was added years later and was dedicated on May 7, 1961. Two rooms were added to the west side of that structure in July 1983. In 2002, the church acquired the lot at the corner of Main and North Church Streets, so that the church owns the entire block containing the church and parsonage.

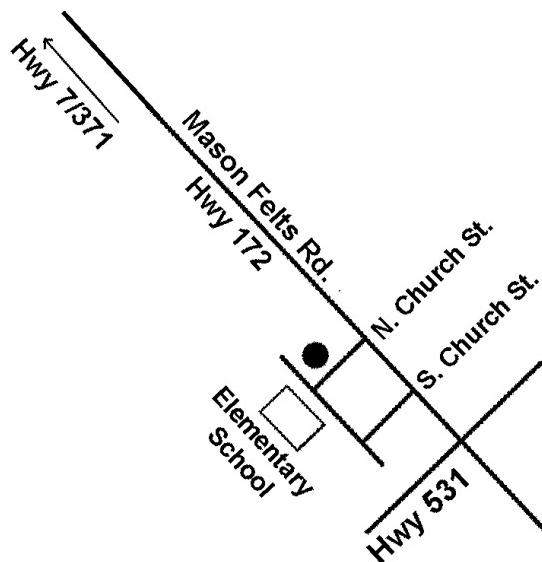
The church is proud to have always been 100% in their asking each year. The church is known for its loving attitude and devotion to community. Heflin UMC and the Baptist Church take turns holding the Christmas service in the community.

In March 2003, the church was used as the setting for a movie "From the Heart" made for the Bossier Parish Community College.

The church's motto is "We are small but mighty in the Lord."

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 371/7 towards Heflin. Turn left on Hwy 792 (Mason Felts Rd.) into town. Turn right on N. Church St. The church is on the right.



Homer United Methodist Church



City	Homer
Address	N. Main & W. 3 rd
Membership	410
Founded	1849

The roots of Methodism in the Homer area probably began with Rev. William Stephenson, who preached in the area in the 1820s and 1830s. The first camp meeting was held in 1825 near Isaac Miller's cabin. In 1849, a meeting was held in a log cabin to form a church. The church was incorporated in August 1854, and the church began with sixty-one charter members. They continued to meet at the log cabin until a new church was built. Services began at the new church, built on land bought from Tillinghast Vaughn, on January 20, 1857 (the south half of the current church property). After that church collapsed under the weight of a snowfall in 1876, a new church was built on a lot bought from Robert Vaughn (the north half of the current church property). At that time, women sat on the west side of the church and men sat on the east side. The church had a steeple, an arched wooden ceiling, a reed organ, and picket fences in the front and rear.

A new red brick church was built on the site of the old church under the leadership of Rev. H.W. Bowman in 1906. The previous church building was sold to M.F. Robinson, who moved it to South Main Street and used it as a hotel.

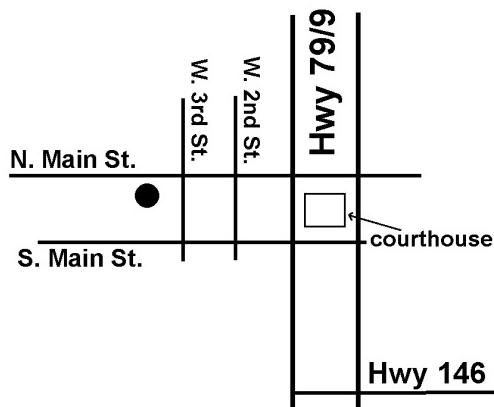
The current church was built in 1922-24 under the leadership of Rev. R.W. Tucker. Annual Conference was held for the fourth time in Homer in 1926. The \$75,000 church was dedicated by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs in 1934. Two round stained glass windows from the previous building were incorporated into the new church.

The education building was built in the early 1950s. Classes began there in 1956 while Rev. Donald Risinger served as pastor. The sanctuary was renovated in 1977. An elevator was added in 1980. Additional remodeling took place in 1985. A new roof, new air conditioning, and a 15-passenger bus were acquired under the leadership of Rev. David Dietzel.

Members who have entered the ministry include Byrl J. Moreland and Fred B. Wideman.

How to Get There:

Head north to Homer from Minden on Hwy 79. Turn left (west) on N. Main St. The church is on the left, 2 blocks ahead.



Hosston United Methodist Church



City	Hosston
Address	15616 Hwy. 71
Membership	38
Founded	1912

In 1903, the elderly Methodist minister from Ida started holding services in Hosston. The first pastor was assigned to the church in 1912. That was Rev. T.J. McCoy, a Centenary student. On June 23, 1912, he led twelve charter members in organizing the church.

For the first four years, they met with the Baptists at their church. They finally built their own church, with the carpentry provided by A.B. McKinney and M.G. McKinney. The first service was held on September 17, 1916 by Rev. J.C. Price.

In the winter of 1939-40, the two doors at the front entrance were changed to a single front entrance. The two porches were converted into classrooms.

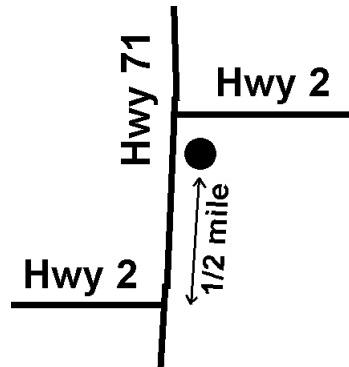
When the church was deemed to need too many repairs in 1950, the congregation started planning for a new church. Rev. Fred St. Amant was pastor at that time. The original church was torn down in 1954. In the demolition, A.B. McKinney's hatchet was found on in the ceiling; it was placed in the cornerstone of the new church that was constructed. The new \$60,000 church was completed by October 1954. The formal opening was led by Dr. B.C. Taylor on November 28, 1954 when the cornerstone was laid. A bell was added to the church in January 1955. Led by Mrs. Irene Horde Cade, the large brass bell came from one of the locomotives of the Texas and Pacific Railroad. The church was dedicated on October 28, 1956.

In 1961, a parsonage was built on land that had been donated in memory of Mrs. Sarah Freeman Cavett.

The mission banner for the church is "an outpost of God's love."

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 71 out of Shreveport. After you pass Hwy 2 (on the left), the church is about half a mile down ... just before the flashing light and Hwy 2 to the right.



Ida United Methodist Church



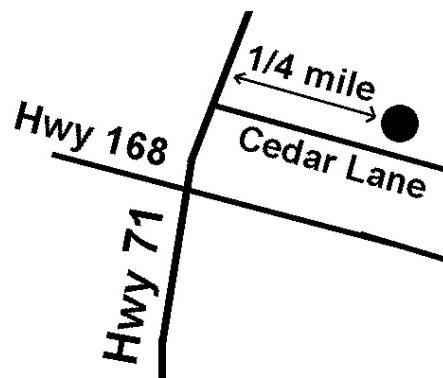
City	Ida
Address	6874 Cedar Lane
Membership	70
Founded	1903

The church was organized in 1903. After brothers James T. Means and William Burney Means donated land to the congregation, the first church building was constructed in 1904. The church is the second-oldest structure in Ida. The parsonage was built two years later. A fellowship hall and kitchen were later built. A new piano and full-size organ were also acquired by the church.

The church facilities were later completely renovated, including the addition of a steeple.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 71 out of Shreveport. Go one block past the flashing light (at Hwy 168) in Ida and turn right on Cedar Lane. The church will be $\frac{1}{4}$ mile further on the left.



Keatchie United Methodist Church



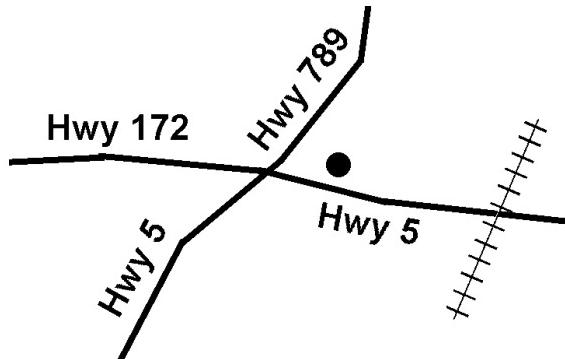
City	Keatchie
Address	Hwy. 5
Membership	7
Founded	c.1840

The congregation was first organized as the Mount Carmel church around 1840. When the church and parsonage burned down in 1879, the church relocated. The lot had been purchased by M.J. Cunningham for \$150 from the William A. Thorpe estate in 1873. It was donated to the church. The secretary, gavel, and songbooks survived the fire and were brought to the new church, which was now called the Keatchie Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The first pastor was Rev. J.M. Liverman. Services were held the first Sunday of the month at the Methodist church. Services were held at the Baptist church on the second and fourth Sundays and at the Presbyterian church on the third Sundays.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 171, head west on Hwy 5 for 3.9 miles to the church (which is just before you get to Hwy 789).



Keithville United Methodist Church



City	Keithville
Address	11145 Old Mansfield Rd.
Membership	122
Founded	1904

In 1840, the Friendship Methodist Church was organized. Mark McCutcheon donated land on the south side of Colquitt Road about four miles west of Mansfield Road and a log structure was built by Mr. McCutcheon and J.D. Henderson.

After R.L. Gilmer gave the church three acres of land in 1873, a new church was built on the property. That site about three miles south of Keithville and is adjacent to the present Fairview Methodist Church. As the congregation grew, a larger church was built in 1895.

As the population of the area shifted, the membership voted to change the location in July 1903. Four new churches were formed. One of these was Keithville. The old church was torn down, and all that remains in the area is the cemetery.

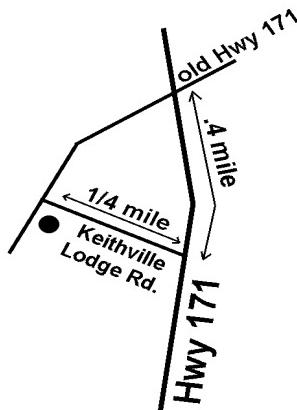
When Rev. J.M. Alford arrived in Keithville, he discovered about the split and found members meeting at the Keithville schoolhouse. Perry Polk Keith, for whom the town was named, was instrumental in changing the location of the church and donated land for the church. The church was constructed in 1904 by Tom Hudnall. The first service was held on October 4, 1904. The dedication took place in December 1905. It had a brass bell in its tall steeple. The bell, which was originally on a locomotive, came from the Teer family plantation in Coushatta.

Though the exterior looks much the same, there have been improvements inside the building over the years. The ceiling was lowered. The altar was moved forward. Two side aisles were converted to one center aisle.

In 1955-56, an addition was added to the rear (north) side of the building. The space was used as classrooms and recreation space. On November 20, 1983, the building was rededicated and named Pledger Hall after member Dr. W.F. Pledger. In 1959, Stonewall and Keithville joined efforts to build a parsonage, located by the Stonewall church. In 1966, a plaque was presented to the church honoring it as the "oldest continuing congregation in the Shreveport District."

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 171 (Mansfield Rd.) out of Shreveport to Keithville. When you see the Keithville Elementary/Middle School on the left, turn right onto old Hwy 171 (Old Mansfield Rd.). After 0.6 mile, the church is on the right.



Lakeview United Methodist Church



City	Minden
Address	301 Lakeshore Dr.
Membership	336
Founded	1951

The idea for a new church in the area started with the men's group at First Church Minden, pastored by Rev. Ira W. Flowers at that time. The first service was held at Westside (later Stewart) Middle School on September 9, 1951. The unnamed church was pastored by Rev. Harvey Williamson. The following month was designated charter membership month. The church was organized on October 7, 1951 with seventy-two charter members.

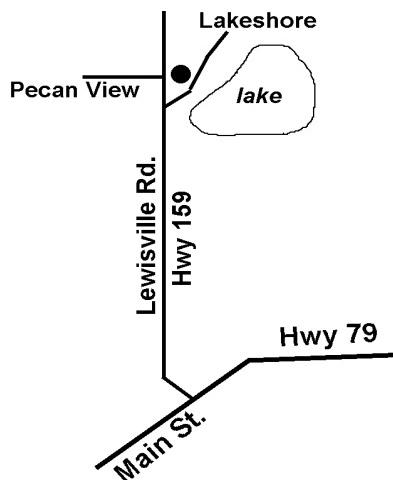
The original choice for a site on Hwy. 80 was abandoned in favor of a site on Turner's Pond (now Lake). Services were moved to Eastside School, closer to the new site and the church was named Lakeview. After Bobby Turner donated land to the church, a parsonage was built in 1952. A building committee took their design after a church on Mockingbird Lane, though reduced in size. Construction was underway when the first tent revival was held in August 1953. A church bazaar held that December became an annual event.

On February 21, 1954, the new \$106,000 church was opened. Revs. Pomeroy, Flowers, and Williamson presided over the service. Shortly thereafter an education building was constructed, with the members donating much of the labor and materials. It was named Faircloth Hall in memory of a member of the original planning committee, Richard Faircloth. The hall was doubled in size while Rev. James M. Poole was pastor (1959-62).

The parsonage was enlarged and remodeled in 1969.

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head north into Minden on Hwy 371/7 (Sibley Rd.). Turn right on Broadway St. (Hwy 79) go to 3rd St./Lewisville Rd. Turn left onto Lewisville Rd. (Hwy 159) and go to Lakeshore. The church is on the right.



Lakeview United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	5550 S. Lakeshore Dr.
Membership	244
Founded	1892

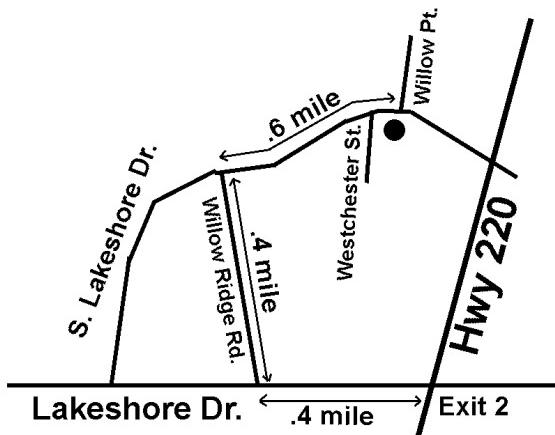
The church began as a Sunday School class, organized by Dr. J.H. Scruggs of First Church. They met in a little cabin on Van Loan Street.

The group received their first pastor (Rev. J.M. Henry) in 1891, at which time they moved their meetings to Capt. Thatcher's Military School on Jacobs Street. The first church, constructed in 1892, was named the Jordan Street Mission. In 1898, they moved into the new Texas Avenue Methodist Church building. They moved again on February 19, 1929 and were known as the Park Avenue Methodist Church.

When the I-20 highway was built, it cut the church off from most of its membership. The decision was made in 1962 to relocate. Rev. James L. Beasley led the congregation in moving to its current location on May 1, 1963. It was renamed the Lakeview Methodist Church.

How to Get There:

Heading north on 220 past I-20, take the Lakeshore Dr. exit (#2). Head west for 0.4 miles and turn right on Willow Ridge Blvd. After 0.4 miles, turn right on South Lakeshore Drive. The church will be 0.6 miles further, on the right.



Logansport United Methodist Church



City	Logansport
Address	Fourth & Gum
Membership	167
Founded	1891

Union services, led by circuit riders, began in the area in the mid 1800s and were held in the Masonic Lodge on Main Street. The Methodists built their own church in 1891 under the leadership of Rev. S.H. Whatley. The white frame building on the corner of Magnolia and Fourth Streets had a steeple and a tall belfry.

A small parsonage was built in 1916 at Third and Pine while Rev. F.B. Hill served as pastor. Rev. Hill returned home to England, married, and brought his bride back to Logansport during his pastorate.

Rev. Leland Clegg led the church in constructing new facilities in 1923. The new structure at the corner of Fourth and Gum Streets included a sanctuary and classrooms. The \$10,000 church was dedicated on July 30, 1933. The original church was dismantled and sold; its wood was used to build a home at the corner of Magnolia and Fourth Streets.

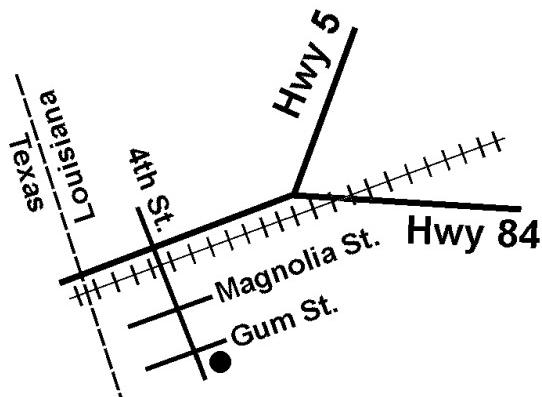
In 1947, a new pipe organ was added to the church. It was dedicated in memory of two members who died in the service (WWII). It was replaced by a new pipe organ in 1978.

Shortly after Rev. James B. Grambling arrived in 1953, an education building was built. The sanctuary remodeled at that time and covered with brick. In 1963, a brick parsonage was built next to the church. Some of the church property was fenced in for playground space in 1983.

An Easter tornado destroyed the sanctuary in 1999. A new sanctuary and west wing were built and were dedicated in 2001 under the leadership of Rev. Mark Strickland. In 2003, the east wing was dedicated under the leadership of Rev. Robert Rowland. In 2004, a church van was acquired for the member to use and for mission trips.

How to Get There:

Head west on Hwy 84 out of Mansfield. In Logansport, go 1/3 mile past Hwy 5 (which is to the right). Turn left at the light on 4th St. Turn left on the second street past the tracks (Gum St.) and the church will be on the right.



Longstreet United Methodist Church



City	Longstreet
Address	Winter St.
Membership	40
Founded	1906

In 1905, the Methodists were worshipping at a church south of Longstreet. After a revival by Rev. W.C. Mann in 1906, the people of Longstreet were inspired to build their own church in town. A lot had been given in 1905 by Miss Lizzie Franks. A church was built in 1906 under the leadership of Rev. H.J. Boltz. A prominent layperson assisting at that time was Mr. G.W. Moncrief, sometimes called the father of the Longstreet Church.

When the Belle Bower church was discontinued in the 1920s, its membership joined the Longstreet church.

In 1949, the church was remodeled. A vestibule was added to the front of the building. The sanctuary was reduced in size, while classrooms were built at the back.

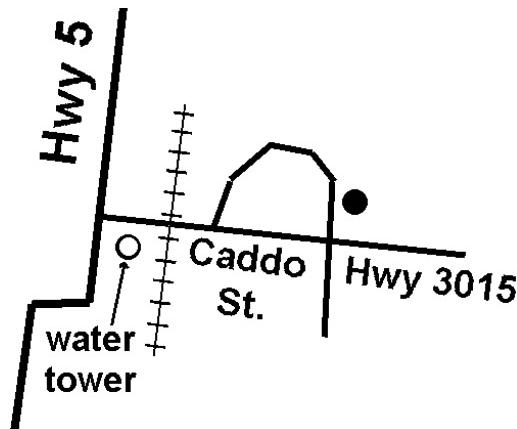
Mrs. Mildred Thompson Reeves was the pianist for many years until her death in 1965. The church fondly remembers the Easter program she led for so many years.

In 1965, that church was torn down. A new brick edifice was completed by the next year. The church was dedicated on May 22, 1966 in a service led by Bishop Aubrey Walton.

Source: The History of the Longstreet United Methodist Church, Mrs. Homer Wells

How to Get There:

From Hwy 171, turn on Hwy 3015 at Grand Cane and head west to Longstreet. Turn right on Hwy 5 and then the first right on Caddo St. Turn left on Winter St. past the RR tracks. The church is on the right.



Love Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Haughton
Address	4600 Hwy 80 E.
Membership	400
Founded	1962

A survey taken in the rapidly growing area found that there was a need for a new Methodist Church. A meeting was held in October 1961 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Self. It was led by D.S. Rev. Jolly B. Harper and Rev. Ira Love (pastor at Haughton). Others at the meeting included Mr. and Mrs. Self, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Buhls, Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Johnson, Mr. J.C. Lee, Mrs. William George and Mrs. Walter Downey. They discussed starting a church near the new Platt Elementary School on Highway 80.

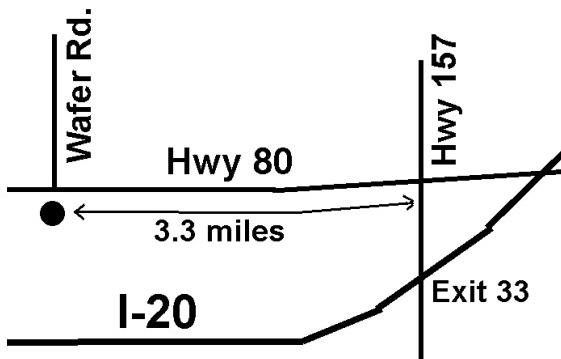
A Lumber & Supply house was bought from Mrs. James Wafer for \$8000. Money was obtained from the Board of Missions and a loan. Churches from the district donated furniture. Led by Ike Renfro, local residents donated their time and labor to turn the lumber shed into a church. Services were held in the building for just over a year. On April 22, 1962 (Easter Sunday), the church began with 76 charter members. The church was named after its first pastor, Rev. Love.

A new sanctuary was planned by Oliver Buhls and Ben Ramsey, with Ike Renfro serving as contractor. The church was completed in 1963. It was used until 1983, when a new building program began. The fellowship hall was built in 1983. It was connected to the sanctuary in 1987.

In 1996, twelve acres were bought along Hwy 80 ... a quarter-mile west of the existing facility. Improvements have been made on the property and the church is conducting a capital campaign to build new church facilities at the site.

How to Get There:

From I-20, take exit 33 and turn north on Hwy 157 (N. Elm). After almost a mile, turn left (west) onto Hwy 80/79. The church will be 3.3 miles down the highway on the left, just past Platt Elementary School.



Mangum United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	3939 Pines Rd.
Membership	513
Founded	1909

Hugh Jamieson began a small mission while a student at Centenary in 1908. Services were held in a room at the Queensborough Land Company at W. College and Hearne Avenue. This led to the organization of the Queensborough Methodist Church on January 10, 1909. A temporary 20'x30' building was built at Stonewall and Missouri Avenue. It was used until a frame building replaced it on the site in 1913.

Rev. W. A. Mangum, appointed in 1920, died 16 months later after catching pneumonia while working in the church basement. The church was renamed after him.

A new church was built in 1921-22. It later became Mangum Hall. In July 1942, the old wood building was taken down and a two-story education building constructed.

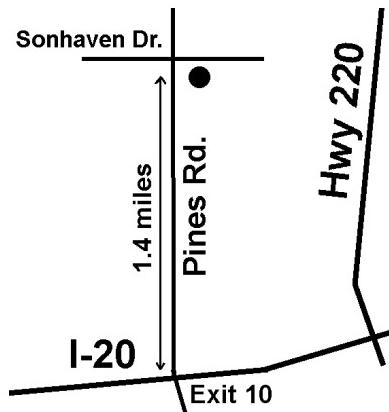
A new sanctuary was built in 1951, with the cornerstone laid on April 6, 1952. The pastor at that time was Rev. A.W. Townsend. Rev. John Kilpatrick led the church in building a new structure behind the sanctuary in 1961.

The Shreveport District Board of Missions gave the church 20 acres of land on Pines Road in March 1975. Relocation began under Rev. Henry Bowdon in 1976. Worship was first held in the activity building. The move was completed by April 1978 under the leadership of Rev. Dan Tohline. Additional classrooms were added in 1979.

Work began on a new sanctuary in late 1987 while Rev. Lael Jones served as pastor. It was completed under the leadership of Rev. John Braden. The first worship service in the new sanctuary "beneath the pines" was held on December 19, 1988.

How to Get There:

Take exit 20 off of I-20 west of Shreveport. Head north on Pines Road for 1.4 miles. After passing the flashing light at Border Lane, you'll see the church on the right. On Sonhaven Dr.



First United Methodist Church - Mansfield



City	Mansfield
Address	502 Polk St.
Membership	311
Founded	1847

A circuit rider inspired local residents to organize a Methodist congregation in 1846. The charter members were Willis McElroy, Lewis Phillips, William Terell, Silas Phifer, Cephus Adams, and their wives. The first pastor, Rev. Daniel S. Watkins, was appointed at the inaugural meeting of the Louisiana Annual Conference in 1847. In the same year that the city was incorporated, the DeSoto Parish police jury donated a lot to the Methodists. A frame church was soon built on the land. By the next year, membership included 98 whites and 49 blacks. The church was ceiled and repaired so that the Annual Conference could be held in Mansfield in 1853. That was the first of several Annual Conferences to be held in Mansfield..

In 1869, a new church was built. The new church, at 36'x64', was twenty feet longer than the original church. The frame building with a steeple was located about 200 feet south of Polk Street near an oak tree on Monroe Street.

In 1907, several church leaders felt that a new church was needed. Property on the corner of Polk and Monroe Streets was purchased. The \$15,000 structure was built in 1908. The pipe organ was the largest of its kind in the state. The road in front of the church was made by 300 convicts who dug and hauled away the dirt. The old church was sold and moved to Louisiana Street.

An education annex was added in 1915. The South Mansfield Church merged with Mansfield in 1930. That year, the Mansfield Female College closed down.

Judge Lee's home next to the church was purchased in September 1947. It was used as the parsonage, while the old parsonage (the Curran home) was converted into an education building.

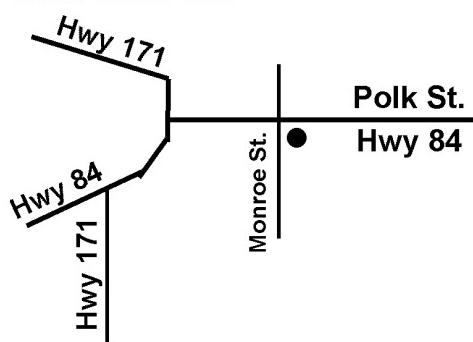
In 1953, the Naborton congregation merged with Mansfield.

The parsonage was renovated in 1977 while Rev. G. Eldred Blakely served as pastor. In 1984, a multi-purpose family activities building was built under the leadership of Rev. C. Gerald Richardson.

Source: History of The First United Methodist Church, Wilber Helen Lewis

How to Get There:

Head into Mansfield on Hwy 171. Turn east onto Hwy 84 (Polk St.). The church is four blocks down, on the right (just past Monroe St.).



McDonald Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Keithville
Address	12401 Mansfield Rd.
Membership	47
Founded	1907



1967

Services, led by circuit riders, began in 1889 near Cypress Bayou (east of the current location). The church was named after its first recorded pastor, Rev. Cleotis McDonald.

After the railroad was built through Keithville, the population increased and services were held more regularly ... on the third Sunday of each month. A lot was bought from Mr. Keith for \$1 in 1906. Since it was too small for both a church and a social club, he sold the church additional land for \$25.

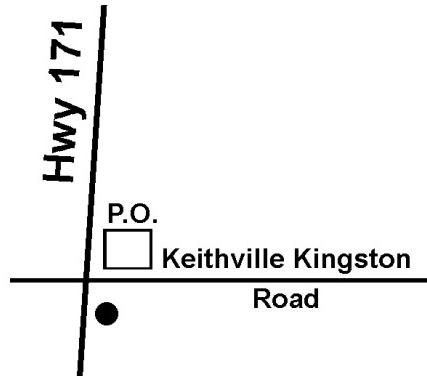
The first church building was constructed in 1907. The church received Rev. W.L. Dyas as pastor after Rev. McDonald's death. McDonald Chapel was the district headquarters of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1923. A parsonage was built for Rev. Dyas.

When the United Methodist Church was formed in 1968, the church voted to join that body. Rev. Oscar Player was pastor at that time.

In November 1989, the present church building was consecrated under the leadership of Rev. Jarrell Morgan. It was dedicated in March 1990.

How to Get There:

Head south on Hwy 171 (Mansfield Rd.) out of Shreveport to Keithville. The church is on the left just past the post office on the south east corner of Hwy 171 and Keithville Kingston Rd.



First United Methodist Church - Minden



City	Minden
Address	903 Broadway St.
Membership	640
Founded	1837

In the early 1830s, Rev. Richmond Randle held a camp meeting at Sulphur Springs, six miles from Minden. Over those early years, there were eight congregations that formed in the area. They were served by circuit riders. Rev. Randle would later serve the Minden church (1845-1847, 1850).

The town of Minden was founded in 1836. The next year, Rev. Sidney Squires was appointed pastor and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Drake donated property for a church. The first church in the town was soon built. With necessary repairs made through the years, it served the congregation for seven decades.

In 1905, a new church was built while Rev. T.J. Warlick served as pastor. The semi-gothic design made of the "best St. Louis hydraulic pressed brick" had seating for four hundred and fifty people.

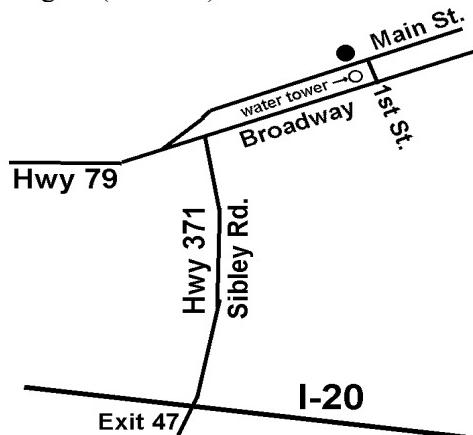
A parsonage was built in 1915, under the leadership of Rev. W.W. Drake. It was replaced by a new parsonage in 1955 while Rev. Dan R. Robinson served as pastor. The current parsonage was acquired in 1998 under the leadership of Rev. Tom Lowe.

A children's building was constructed in 1964 while Rev. Merlin Merrill served as pastor. Rev. Kirby A. Vining was pastor when the activities building was built in 1973. In 1988, a new sanctuary was constructed under the leadership of Rev. Bob Burgess.

Though some seventy pastors have served the church over the years, those with the longest tenure were Rev. Merrill (1958-65) and Rev. Burgess (1984-90).

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head north into Minden on Hwy 371/7 (Sibley Rd.). Turn right on Broadway St. (Hwy 79). Turn left on 1st St. (past the water tower) and then left on Main St. The church will be on the right.



Mooringsport United Methodist Church



City	Mooringsport
Address	221 Lake Street
Membership	114
Founded	1868

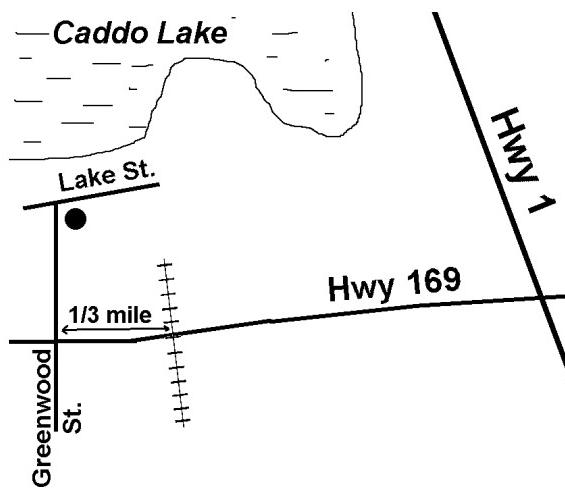
In 1865, Calvin Croom, Sr. donated two lots to the Mooringsport Methodist Church. At first, the congregation had worshipped with the Mt. Zion Methodist congregation seven miles south of town on Hwy. 169. Three years later, a frame church was built on the property. The congregation of the Mt. Zion church, which had been incorporated on March 14, 1855, later merged with Mooringsport.

On June 10, 1841, the Mooringsport church was destroyed by a tornado. On July 31, 1941, W.B. Noel donated two lots to the church for a new structure. Services were held at the Home Demonstration Cottage and the Masonic Temple during construction. The new church, known as the "Chapel on the Lake," was dedicated on October 7, 1945. Bishop Paul Martin gave the message and Rev. Van Carter was the pastor. A parsonage and education building were later built on the property. Parking was acquired across the street.

When membership surged during Rev. Dan Grove's pastorate (1969-1985), the sanctuary was remodeled and temporary Sunday School buildings were added.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 1 north out of Shreveport. Turn left onto Hwy 169 at the flashing light. After 2 miles, turn right onto Greenwood St. Lake St. is 0.3 miles away. The church will be on your right, at the corner of Greenwood and Lake.



Morningside United Methodist Church



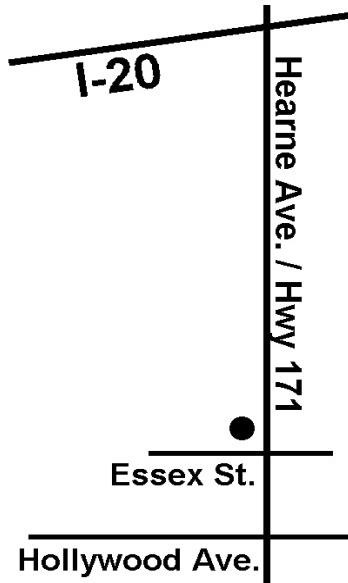
City	Shreveport
Address	5500 Hearne Ave.
Membership	178
Founded	1947

The church was organized on September 7, 1947. That meeting was held at 5621 Virginia Street in the home of Corporal and Mrs. John R. Koons. The first service was held in that same home the following Sunday, September 14.

The men of the church began constructing the first church on October 6, 1947. The first service in the new church was held on December 21, 1947. A parsonage was ready by the following August. Work began on an addition to the church on May 3, 1949. The Long White educational building was used for classrooms. A new sanctuary was built in 1952, with the first service held in the new church on October 5 of that year. In 1954, the Youth Building was constructed. It was later renamed Herring Hall in memory of Mr. J.F. Herring. A new brick parsonage was built in 1955 at 4112 Fairfax.

How to Get There:

The church is on the west side of Hearne Avenue, almost a mile and a half south of I-20. It's on the corner of Hearne and Essex, about one block north of Hollywood Avenue.



Mt. Mariah United Methodist Church



City	Arcadia
Address	Hwy 9
Membership	50
Founded	1870

Several English and Scotch-Irish families moved to the Mt. Mariah area from their homes in other southeastern states. In 1870, five ladies started having prayer meetings in their homes. They were Mrs. Mariah Brice, Mrs. Amanda Johnson, Miss Jeannette Johnson, Mis Mattie Johnson, and Miss Lou Williams. The men soon built a brush arbor. A revival meeting led by Rev. Upton was held in the summer. Rev. Upton led the five ladies to organize a church. A log building was constructed and named after Mrs. Mariah Brice. A Sunday School was also begun.

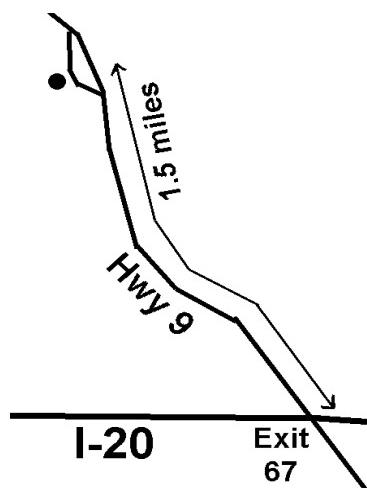
In the summer of 1871, the first appointed pastor (Rev. J.H. Jordan) held a revival and thirty-five young people joined the congregation.

On January 2, 1901, land was purchased and a temporary structure set up. A building was constructed on the site in 1904. In July 1941, the congregation voted to build a new church. The walls were built from rocks taken from the surrounding area. The men hauled rocks, sand, and water to the site while the women and children helped. Local businesses donated materials for the church. The altar rail and pews were purchased. The pulpit and pulpit chairs came from the Black Lake Methodist Church (which had closed down). The cornerstone was laid on September 24, 1942. Bishop A. Frank Smith gave the sermon at the dedication.

Bishop Aubrey Walton gave the message at the church's Centennial celebration on August 2, 1970.

How to Get There:

Take exit 67 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 9 for 1.5 miles. The church and cemetery are on the left.



Mount Zion United Methodist Church

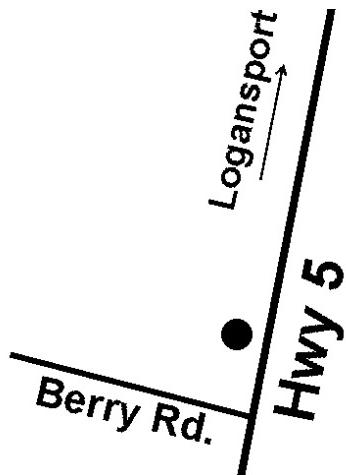


City	Logansport
Address	Hwy 5
Membership	68
Founded	1882

The church was organized in 1882. The church was rebuilt in October of 1926. The current church was built in 1960.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 171 at Mansfield, take Hwy 84 f to Logansport. In Logansport, turn north (right) on Hwy 5. The church on the left, about 4 miles up the road.



New Creation United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	1220 Vaughn St.
Membership	64
Founded	2002



Mt. Zion UMC

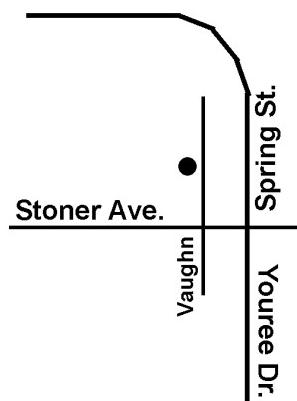
Johnson Chapel was organized in 1902. After first meeting in homes and under a brush arbor, the group began meeting in an abandoned store on Stoner Avenue in 1907 under the leadership of Rev. C.C. Smith. They bought a lot at 1220 Vaughn St. in 1909 and put up a temporary structure by January of 1910. In 1916, a church was built on the site. In 1940, the lot next to the church was purchased and a parsonage built.

Mt. Zion was organized between 1865 and 1867. After first holding services in homes, they used a tent at the Old Browne Plantation. James B. Pickett and his wife donated 2.5 acres at Vanceville to the church on November 23, 1874. A church, built in the site in April 1900, was destroyed in 1936. Rev. R.B. Garrison led the congregation in rebuilding the church. The church was damaged in 1954 and had to be rebuilt once again. In 1989 the church relocated to 3816 Virginia Avenue under the leadership of Rev. Wayne Williams. The old church burned in a fire in 1994.

On November 18, 2001, the decision was made to merge the congregations from Johnson Chapel and Mount Zion. The first service for the new church was held on December 2, 2001 at the Johnson Chapel church. At a meeting on December 19, they decided to name the new church the New Creation United Methodist Church.

How to Get There:

Turn west onto Stoner Ave. from Youree Dr. (Hwy 1). After one block, turn right (north) on Vaughn. The church is on the left.



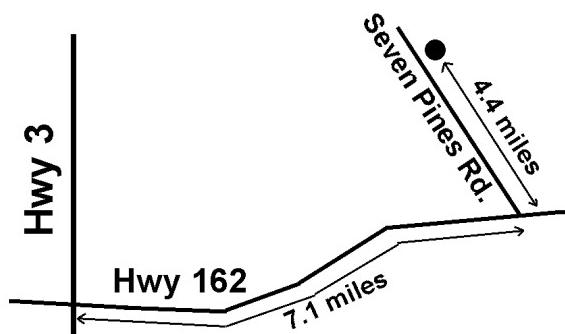
New Light United Methodist Church



City	Benton
Address	Seven Pines Rd.
Membership	43
Founded	

How to Get There:

From Hwy 3 in Benton, take Hwy 162 east for 7.1 miles. Turn left on Seven Pines Road and head north for 4.4 miles. The church will be on the left. The cemetery is on the right.



Noel Memorial United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	520 Herndon Ave.
Membership	1173
Founded	1906

In December 1906, Rev. R.J. Harp was appointed to the Shreveport City Mission. His task was to start a church in the southern suburbs of the city. He called on James S. Noel, a friend who lived in the area, for help. By the end of 1907, the roll had 13 members (12 from the Noel family). The group became known as the Creswell Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1908 and met in one of Mr. Noel's houses on Creswell and Wyandotte.

Mr. Noel agreed to build the congregation a new church, which would be named in memory of his son. Land for the James S. Noel, Jr. Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South was purchased in 1910. The new church's cornerstone ... containing a Bible, a hymnal, the Ritual, three newspapers, a coin, and various other papers ... was laid on December 31, 1911. The new sanctuary - the largest in the city at that time - was formally opened on February 2, 1913. Membership quickly grew in the new church.

In 1925, a fire destroyed the insides of the church, leaving behind only the brick walls. Beginning the following morning, services were held at Centenary until a new church could be built. Later that year, Mrs. Noel and her children donated the property to the church. The name of the church was changed to the Noel Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to honor the father and the son. Reconstruction was completed in 1926, and a dedication service was held on January 24, 1927.

Land was purchased north of the sanctuary on Stephens. An education building was constructed on the property in 1941. The first Protestant church library in the city was established at Noel in 1943. Additional facilities added over the years include an Activities building (1955), Lane Chapel (1956), a fellowship hall (1963), a gymnasium (1976), a nursery building (1986) and new parking lots.

The church's outreach ministry includes a Food Pantry program, the Christmas Giving Factory, an Easter neighborhood dinner, a Day Care Center, Noel University tutoring, the Samaritan Center, and the Noel Music Masterwork Concerts. Noel maintains an active youth ministry, which includes the third oldest Boy Scout Troup (15) in Louisiana.

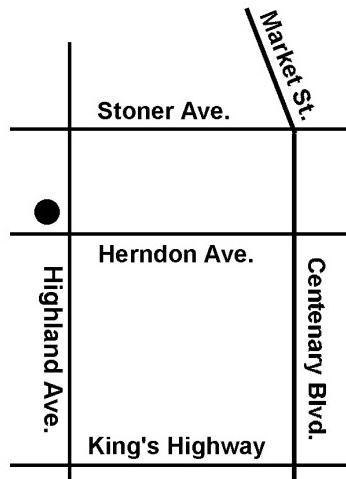
Source: Noel at Seventy & Noel at Ninety-Six, Thomas F. Ruffin

How to Get There:

From I-20, take the Market-Spring exit (19A) onto Market St. south and turn right on Herndon. The church is four blocks ahead on the right, just past Highland Ave.

From I-49, take the Kings Highway exit (205) and head east for 0.8 mile. Turn left on Highland Avenue. The church is on the left, one mile ahead on Herndon Ave.

From Youree Dr. (Hwy 1), turn west on Herndon Ave. The church is about 0.75 miles ahead on the right, just past Highland Ave.



North Highlands United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	835 Poleman Rd.
Membership	366
Founded	1949



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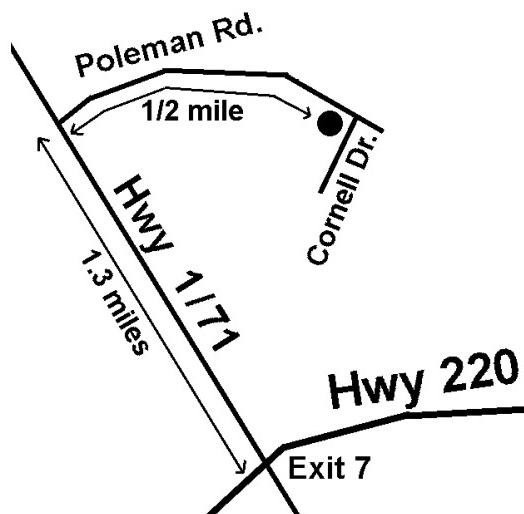
When the North Highlands subdivision sprang up, a group of Methodists met at the real estate office to organize a new Methodist church. The church was officially established on February 18, 1949 with 49 charter members. After an acre of land was donated by Cornell and Allie Winn at the corner of Poleman Road and Cornell Drive, construction began on August 12, 1949. On December 18, 1949, the first service was held in the newly built church. The first minister was Rev. John Koleymay. Though there were only 31 members at that time, the church could seat 150.

An education building was later built. Then a second story was added. The parking facilities were added in 1953. A new sanctuary was built in 1954. The original church was remodeled into a chapel and two classrooms.

In 1968, a multi-use building called the Celebration Center was built.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 1/71 out of Shreveport (or take exit 5 off of Hwy 220). Turn right on Poleman Rd. (about 1.3. miles past Hwy 220). The church is ½ mile around the bend on the right.



North Point United Methodist Church

Church not yet built

City	
Address	6675 Hwy 1
Membership	
Founded	2003



Blanchard UMC

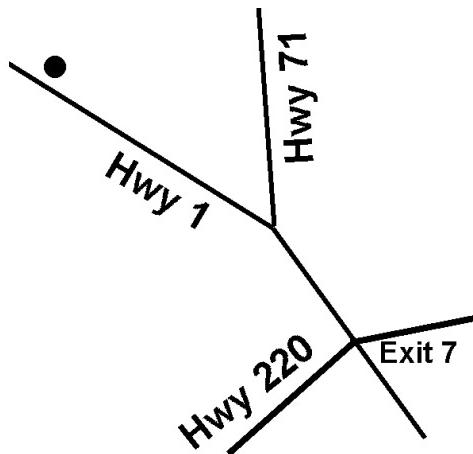
On August 29, 1882, Cynthia Attaway and H.T. Lyles deeded 4 acres of land to the Pine Hill Methodist Church for \$16. The church was built by 1886. In 1897, the Pine Hill Methodist Episcopal Church was dismantled and moved to Blanchard where it was rebuilt. When the church relocated, the name was changed to Blanchard. In 1937, that building was taken down and a new church built under the leadership of Rev. D.L. Dykes. A parsonage was built next door at the end of the 1940s. An education building was constructed in the mid 1950s.

A new parsonage was built in 1964 under Rev. Harold McClung's leadership. A new brick sanctuary was constructed five years later under the leadership of Rev. Frank Stage.

At the beginning of the 21st century ... after three years of study ... the Blanchard church decided to be discontinued and to be the nucleus for the organization of a new church. Rev. Brian Yeich was appointed to organize the North Point United Methodist Church. The Blanchard church property was sold and the new congregation began to meet at the Donnie Bickham Middle School. A church is planned for a 17-acre site on Hwy 1.

How to Get There:

Take exit 7 from Hwy 220 NW of Shreveport. Turn NW on Hwy 1/71. When Hwy 71 turns right, stay left and continue NW on Hwy 1. The church property will be on the right 5 miles ahead.



Oak Grove United Methodist Church



City	Gibsland
Address	1189 Hwy. 795
Membership	44
Founded	



1945-1973

The first church building, a log cabin, was built along the old stagecoach road that went from Vicksburg to Shreveport. It was replaced by a new church building in 1890. The church and a school were built on the community road about a mile south of the old church.

After a storm destroyed the church in the 1930s, services were held at the Oak Grove School. Its students had recently been transferred to the Gibsland High School, and the school and an acre of land were given to the church by the Dalton family. The church bought two acres of land for \$35 on June 12, 1936.

On October 28, 1945, the former schoolhouse was dedicated as the Oak Grove Methodist Church. The addition of a sanctuary to the front of the church was made the following year.

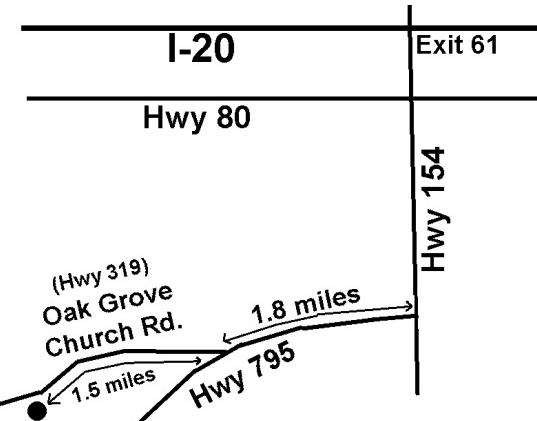
The old church was torn down in 1973 and a new church built. The new church was dedicated on September 8, 1974. A fellowship room (with a kitchen and bathroom) was added to the west side of the church in 1983 and dedicated the following December.

After obtaining a license for a cemetery on April 22, 1997, the land was cleared in a few months. A one-acre cemetery now lies on the west side of the church.

The fellowship room and kitchen were enlarged in 1998.

How to Get There:

Take exit 61 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 154 (Bienville) for a bit more than two and a half miles. Turn right on Hwy 795 and go 1.8 miles. Turn right on Oak Grove Church Rd. (CR-318). The church is on the left, 1.5 miles ahead.



Oil City United Methodist Church



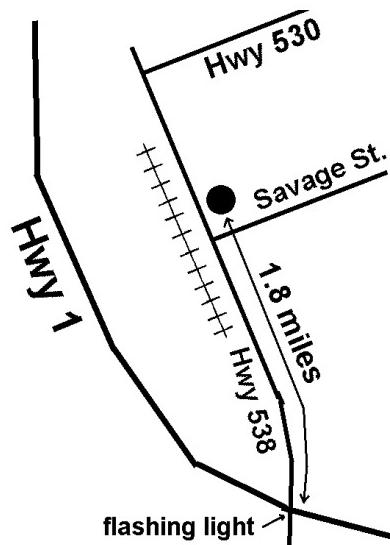
City	Oil City
Address	131 South Kerley Ave.
Membership	42
Founded	1920

In the early 1900s, five prominent men of the community saw the need for a combination schoolhouse and church. The local residents got together and a building was constructed in 1910 along Brumley Road. Two early Methodist Episcopal Church, South pastors who preached at Oil City in those early days were Rev. Morris and Rev. Bumgardner. Though it was used as a school during the week, the Methodists and Baptists worshipped there on alternate Sundays. In 1920, the Baptists built their own church.

A lot was donated to the church by W.E. Noel in 1920. A Methodist church was soon constructed on the property along Hwy. 538. It was noted that a Dan and John Kelly held a revival meeting in the month of June during construction. Rev. Griffin was the pastor at that time.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 1 north out of Shreveport to Oil City. Before you get into town, you'll turn right onto Hwy 538 at a flashing light. After 1.8 miles, the church will be on your right (just past Savage St.).



Pelican United Methodist Church



City	Pelican
Address	Jackson Ave.
Membership	57
Founded	1890

The church was organized with twelve members in 1890 by Rev. H.J. Boltz. At first, they met in a schoolhouse. By the time Rev. Boltz left four years later, they had 100 members and had acquired a church and a parsonage.

In 1892, Mr. A.F. Jackson donated a lot on the corner of Washington Street and Jackson Avenue to the church. The first church was built soon thereafter. It had two entrances at the front and was lit by kerosene lamps. The original bell in that church is still in use today. The current church sits on that same site.

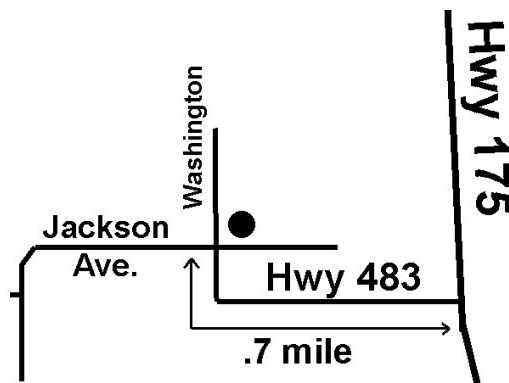
The first parsonage was later replaced by the Buckley house when Rev. Cargill served as pastor. It was later replaced by a third parsonage. That parsonage was eventually torn down and replaced with the present structure.

The original church was dismantled in 1916 and a new church completed by the following year. The pulpit is home-made, but the pulpit chairs were purchased with money raised by the Women's Missionary Society. A wing was added to the north side of the church in 1939. The pulpit and pews were rotated 90 degrees so that the pews faced north instead of east. The addition included one large room and two smaller classrooms. The former pulpit area of the sanctuary was then used as a classroom.

When the steeple developed leaks, it was removed in 1966 and the roof was reshaped.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 171 south of Mansfield, take Hwy 512 east at Benson. After 5.8 miles, turn left on Jackson Avenue (Hwy 482). The church is 0.8 miles further on the left.



Pilgrim Rest United Methodist Church



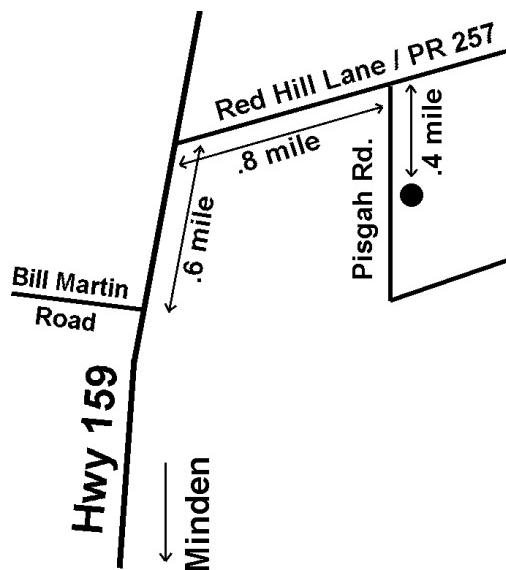
City	Minden
Address	Mt. Pisgah Rd.
Membership	46
Founded	1887

The church began in 1887 with services under an arbor under the hill at Mr. & Mrs. Dan McGee's. The arbor was later moved to the south part of Sally Eason's property. On August 3, 1898, the church bought an acre of land from the Grigsbys for \$2.00. A church was built on the site.

The current church was constructed under the leadership of Rev. Daniel Moore. A fellowship hall was constructed under the leadership of Rev. W.C. Moore. The church steeple was added while Rev. Levi Moore was pastor. While Rev. Quinton Gibson was pastor, the building was painted, a wheelchair ramp was added, and the heating system was installed. An air conditioning system was installed while Rev. Samuel Bradley served the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head north into Minden on Hwy 371/7 (Sibley Rd.). Turn right on Broadway St. (Hwy 79) go to 3rd St./Lewisville Rd. Turn left onto Lewisville Rd. About 15 miles north of Minden (about 0.6 miles past Bill Martin Rd. on the left), turn right on Red Hill Lane (PR-257). Turn right after 0.8 miles onto Pisgah Rd. The church is on the left, 0.4 miles ahead.



Pine Grove United Methodist Church



City	Minden
Address	4549 Hwy 159
Membership	49
Founded	1850

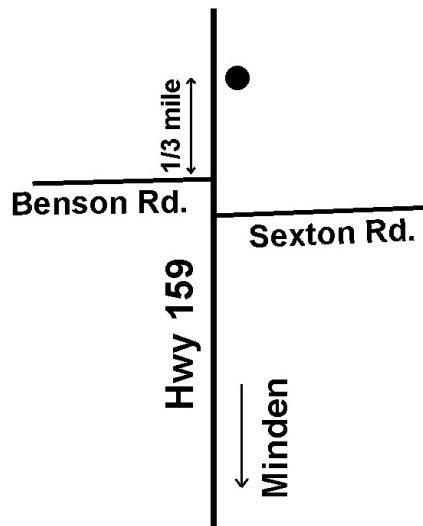
The church started in 1850 when forty acres were donated by four families interested in the religious and educational life of the community. A log structure was built to serve as a school and church. Blacks and whites built the church and worshipped there. First called the Butler School House, it was later called the Methodist Society of Butler School House. It burned down around 1860 and a larger building was constructed.

A third, even larger church was built in 1878. It was dedicated by the name of Pine Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South in September of that year. Though the school closed in 1927, the church continued to grow.

A red brick fellowship hall was built next to the church in 1961. The old church was replaced by the current sanctuary in 1976. A new sanctuary was built using much of the lumber from the 1850 building. The dedication of the new church was on June 10, 1978.

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head north into Minden on Hwy 371/7 (Sibley Rd.). Turn right on Broadway St. (Hwy 79) go to 3rd St./Lewisville Rd. Turn left onto Lewisville Rd. (Hwy 159) and go about 8.7 miles. The church and cemetery are on the right.



Plain Dealing United Methodist Church



City	Plain Dealing
Address	Mary Lee Dr.
Membership	155
Founded	1888

A railroad was built, and the first train road through the Plain Dealing area on May 1, 1888. Lots were offered in July and a town was created. Methodist settlers soon decided to form a church in the new town. On June 9, 1888, they selected the site (now occupied by the Plain Dealing High School) for the new church. Mr. S.J. Ziegler donated land to the church and the church was completed by October 3. Benches were brought over from the old Red Land church. The first services were on a Wednesday night, October 10, 1888, by a Presbyterian minister (Rev. McCarty). Methodist pastor Rev. E.B. Foust held services the following Sunday.

The first parsonage on 207 North Calhoun Street was acquired in 1894 under the leadership of Rev. H.J. Boltz. It was bought from Thomas Lyles for \$100.

Rev. G.D. Purcell was appointed to the church in 1900 to help them build a new church. The old church was disassembled and used in constructing a new church. A lot for the new church had been donated by J.O. Love.

A new parsonage was built at 410 North Calhoun (lot bought in 1906 for \$35) after Rev. T.J. Embree was appointed in 1911.

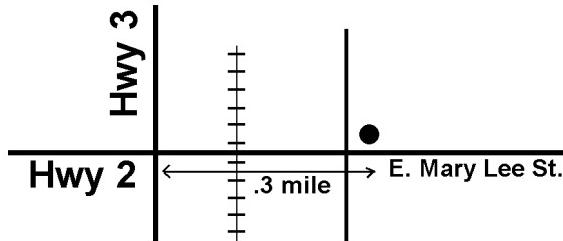
By the 1920s, the congregation needed a larger church. The old one was sold to a group of black Methodists for \$450 and moved. Fundraising for the new brick church began on November 22, 1922, when \$9,000 in pledges were raised. After years of raising money to pay off the debt, the church was dedicated on February 10, 1935 at a service led by Bishop Hoyt Dobbs.

During Rev. Reuel H. Allen's pastorate (1954-58), the old brick sanctuary was torn down and the current sanctuary was completed in 1957. A new parsonage was built on West Palmetto Street.

Source: 100 Years in His Service: 1888-1988, Norma Stewart Winegeart

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 3 from Bossier City to Plain Dealing. Turn right on Hwy 2 (E. Mary Lee St.). The church is 0.3 miles ahead on the left.



Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church



City	Pleasant Hill
Address	First St.
Membership	62
Founded	1860

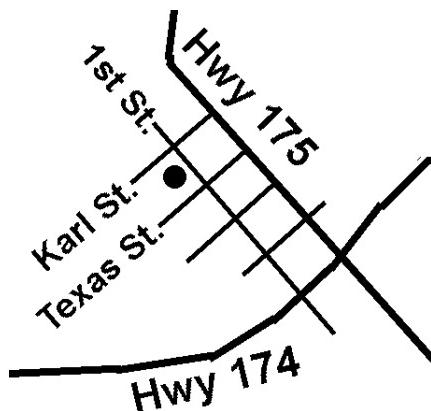
By the early 1850s, the Pleasant Hill community was thriving. The area had a post office, hotel, a school for girls, the Pierce-Payne Methodist College for Boys, and a Methodist church. During the Civil War, soldiers passed through the town to and from the Battle of Mansfield in April 1864. The boys' college was used as a hospital for the Union soldiers, while the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church was used as a hospital for the Confederate soldiers. The Boys College, which was formed in 1858 to complement the Mansfield Female College, was never completed because of the war.

When the railroad was constructed four miles from Pleasant Hill in 1881, the town moved to the new location. The former location was known as Old Town, while the new location was called Sodus. The Methodist church was put on logs and pulled by oxen to the new town. In 1922, the name of the new location switched from Sodus to Pleasant Hill.

Classrooms were later added to the rear of the church. Most of the church, including the bell, consists of the original materials. The steeple was donated by the Dykes family.

How to Get There:

Take exit 155 off of I-49 and head west on Hwy 174. Upon arriving in Pleasant Hill, turn right (north) on Hwy 175 (W. Main St.). Turn left after 3 blocks and go 1 block on Texas St. Take the first right on First St. and the church will be on the left.



Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church



City	Hortman
Address	16835 Hwy. 371
Membership	92
Founded	1872

On March 17, 1871, the "Methodist Episcopal Church South by the name of Pleasant Valley" bought two acres of land from Lewis and Amanda O'Neal, Crownover, Monzingo, for the \$5.00. The next year, in December 1872, Rev. Robert Randall was appointed to the church. He held worship services once a month, though Sunday School classes were held every week.

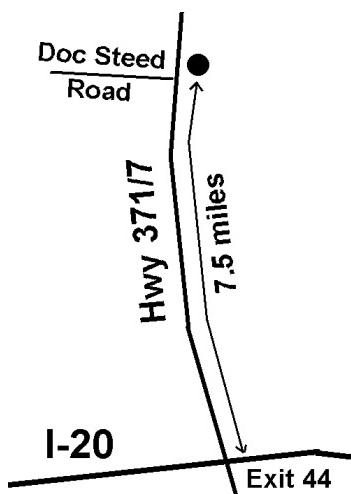
When visiting preachers came, they were greeted by the community Hortman on Saturday and stayed with a local family for the weekend. They would leave on the Monday train.

The original church building is still in use today, having gone through many improvements and additions over the years. Mittie Greene Willis was baptized as a youth in the spring near the church in 1915. In speaking of her church, she commented that it "was a social center, spiritual center, and the one place as a child she could come to feel the presence of the heavenly Father and understand his love for her."

The church has continued to grow and is active in the community. Among the many activities are the UMW bazaar fundraiser held every year, bringing gift & fruit baskets to the local shut-ins and nursing home residents at Christmas, an annual October revival, and Homecoming every June. Many current members are descendants of the original founders of this church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 44 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 371/7. The church and cemetery are on the right, 7.5 miles ahead.



Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church



City	Trenton
Address	Hwy. 171
Membership	24
Founded	1886



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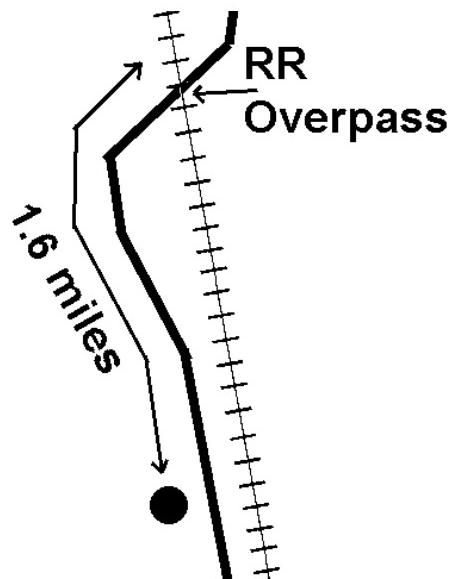
The church, thought to be named for its location between two hills in Trenton, was founded around 1886. The earliest services were held under a brush arbor near the "Annie Crossing," south of the current site. There wasn't any road in front of the church in the early days. The gravel road east of the present site was a narrow trail for wagons and horses.

The current church building was constructed in 1954. The bell in the church comes from the previous church building.

In 1992, the church purchased over four acres of land on which to build new facilities. Located on Hwy 171 a quarter mile south of the 1954 church, the new church was completed in 2004.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 84/171 in Mansfield, take Hwy 171 south. Travel for 5.9 miles and the church will be on the right. It's about 1.9 miles after you pass under the RR overpass.



First United Methodist Church - Ringgold



City	Ringgold
Address	
Membership	251
Founded	1894



1903

The church was founded on April 24, 1894. Services were first held at the Masonic Lodge building (located across the street from the current church). Land for a church building was purchased from Luther and L.M. Page for \$15 on October 24, 1901. The first pastor was Rev. T.J. Martin. A picture of the new church appeared on the cover of the 1903 Louisiana Annual Conference Journal.

On April 1, 1907, D.W. Stewart sold the church a piece of land for \$100. The first parsonage was built on that site along Hwy. 154.

The early 1930s saw renovations to the church. Nine classrooms were built onto the church: three on the north side, three on the east side, and three on the south side of the church. For years, the church bell hung on a scaffold on the back of the church. The original handmade pews were replaced with heavy oak pews purchased from another church. A kitchen was built at the southeast corner.

The parsonage was sold for \$5,000 on November 19, 1950. A new lot (#88) was purchased and a new home was completed by 1951. The consecration service was on April 1, 1951, and the dedication service was held on December 8, 1957.

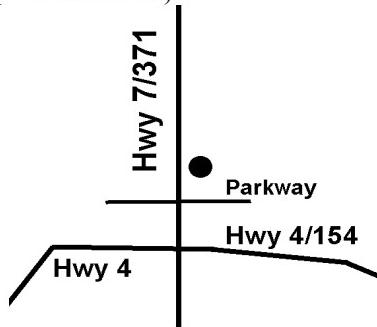
The church was torn down and rebuilt in 1958 under the leadership of Rev. Roy Grant. Services were held in the school auditorium during construction. The new red brick church included classrooms and a kitchen. Though it was named the Ringgold Memorial Methodist Church at that time, the “memorial” part has never been used.

The church acquired additional property next to the church in 1980. That same year, the membership decided to change the church’s name from Ringgold United Methodist Church to the First United Methodist Church of Ringgold on October 25. Stained glass windows depicting the life of Christ were installed in May 1983. A fellowship hall was built in 1984. A Day Care Center was established in 1987.

The church takes pride in its mission service ... locally (through efforts such as “Cooking for Others,” a food bank, and an Angel Tree) and beyond (VIM trips to Oklahoma).

How to Get There:

Take exit 47 from I-20 and head south on Hwy 371/7 to Ringgold. The church is on the left (east) side of the highway in Ringgold.



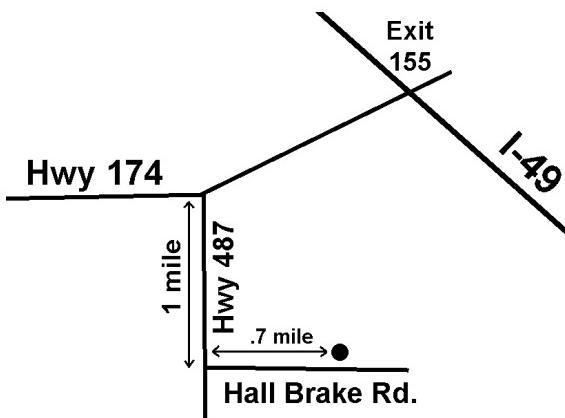
Rosa United Methodist Church



City	Ajax
Address	Hall Brake Rd.
Membership	5
Founded	

How to Get There:

Take exit 155 off of I-49 and head west on Hwy 174. You'll reach Ajax after about a mile. Turn left (south) onto Hwy 487. One mile down the road, take a left on Hall Brake Rd. The church and cemetery are 1.5 miles further.



Round Grove United Methodist Church



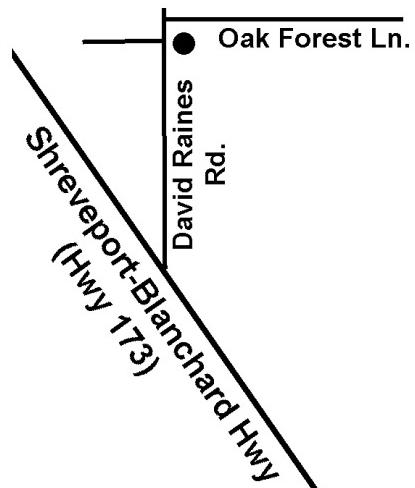
City	Shreveport
Address	1685 David Raines
Membership	47
Founded	1876

The church was organized by Rev. Tennessee Jackson, Overdike Walker, Laurel Crinshaw and others under a brush arbor back to 1876. Rev. Alfred LeGrady first named it the China Grove Church. In 1881, the name was changed to Cross Lake. The first church building was constructed. By 1912, the church (renamed Round Grove) was on a circuit with Daniel Chapel and the pastor was Rev. Thomas B. Oville.

The first church was damaged by a storm in 1922. Land was purchased at a new location in 1922-23 and a new church built. The second church was torn down to rebuild a third structure. That third church was remodeled to make the current church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 5 off of Hwy 220, just north of Cross Lake. Head north on the Shreveport-Blanchard Hwy for 1.5 miles. Turn right on David Raines Rd. After 0.4 miles, the church will be on the right.



Shady Grove United Methodist Church

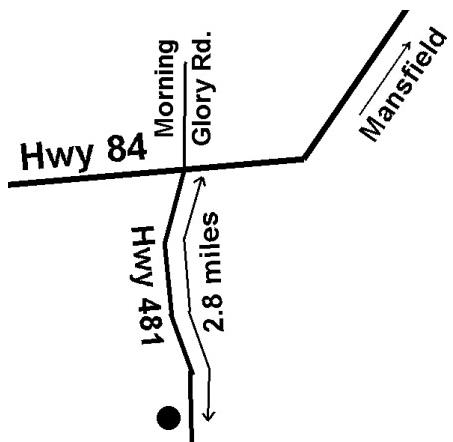


City	Mansfield
Address	Hwy. 481
Membership	161
Founded	1894

The church was established in September of 1894. The current church was rebuilt in 1975.

How to Get There:

From Hwy 171 Mansfield, turn on Hwy 84 and head west for 5.1 miles. Turn left on Hwy 481. The church is 2.8 miles down the road on your right.



Shiloh United Methodist Church

City	Keatchie
Address	Hwy. 172
Membership	36
Founded	1895



The church was founded in 1895 at Walnut Hill. The pastor at that time was Rev. J.W. Lively. The first member to join the church was Mary McFadden. The tabernacle was then moved to Deadwood, Texas. A Union church was founded with Rev. C.H. LaGrone as pastor at the time. That church was located where the Baptist Church now stands.

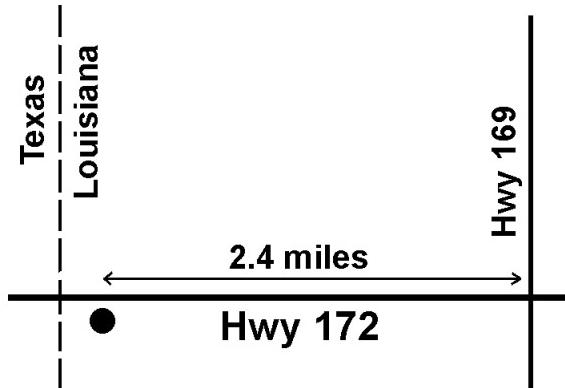
When that building burned down in 1914, the Methodists built their first church. Mr. J.A. Luttrell had donated two acres of land. The first name for the church was Bethel Methodist Church. It was later renamed Shiloh.

The 1914 church was demolished when the current church was built on the same site in 1966. The dedication for the church took place on May 21, 1967. The pastor at that time was Rev. Albert Trickett. A fellowship hall was built in 1987.

Though the 80 acres of land deeded to the church by Miss Cora Johnson was sold, the royalties are still collected and used for cemetery upkeep.

How to Get There:

Head west from Hwy 171 to Keatchie on Hwy 5. The highway becomes Hwy 172 in Keatchie. Keep heading west for almost 8 miles. The church and cemetery will be on the left.



Shongaloo United Methodist Church



City	Shongaloo
Address	Hwy 159
Membership	59
Founded	

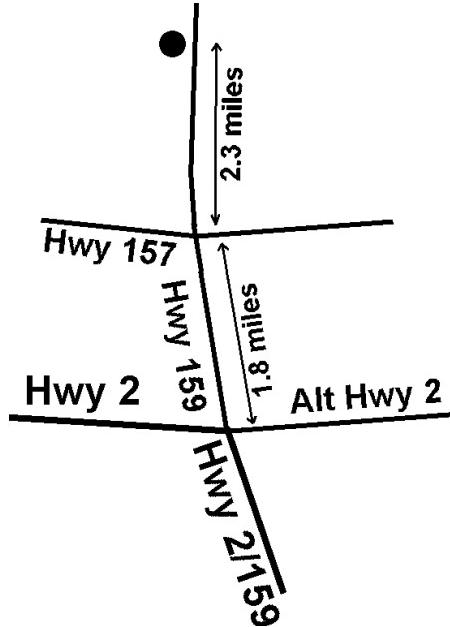
The Old Shongaloo church is said to have been established about 1821. At that time, it was a Methodist Protestant church in the Arkansas Conference. The first church was built of logs. One record says the church was organized in 1868.

A wooden frame building was constructed in 1898. The pulpit, hand-carved by Doc Woodliff, is still used today. The current rock church was built in 1943 under the leadership of Rev. Percy Hoffpauir. Bishop Paul E. Martin led the dedication service on January 18, 1943. An education annex was completed in 1950, and the sanctuary was remodeled the following year. Additional improvements were made during the pastorate of Rev. Jack Winegeart in 1973.

A new parsonage was built in 1953 after Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Burns donated land to the church.

How to Get There:

Take exit 44 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 371/7 to Sarepta. Turn right (east) on Hwy 2 and go to Shongaloo. Turn left on Hwy 2/159. The church and cemetery are on the left, 4.1 miles ahead.



First United Methodist Church - Shreveport



City	Shreveport
Address	Head of Texas St.
Membership	3657
Founded	1845

The area was first served by traveling circuit riders. After the church was organized in 1845, the first church was built on Market Street. It was 35'x40', with a 16' ceiling. The first pastor was Rev. R.J. Harp. The church was shared with the Baptists and Presbyterians.

In 1881, plans began for larger facilities. Two lots at the head of Texas Street were purchased on March 15, 1882 for \$2,700. The cornerstone was laid by Bishop A.V. Wilson on January 8, 1883. Beginning in 1884, while construction was still taking place, the congregation began to worship in the basement. The church, with a seating capacity of 400, was dedicated almost seven years later. The tower stood 165 feet tall.

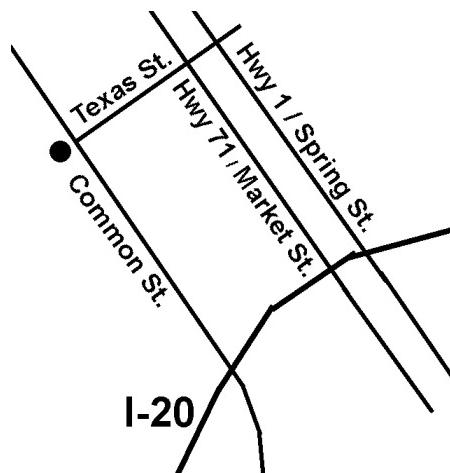
With the congregation still increasing, larger facilities were needed. In 1913, the present building was constructed. It was later dedicated on September 18, 1932 with Bishop Henry Clay Morrison leading the service.

Two more lots were purchased in 1920 (for \$20,000) and another in 1938 (for \$3,000) to allow the facilities to expand. The Dawson education building was constructed in 1939-40. Additional property has been acquired since then to allow for even more growth.

In 1950, the capacity of the sanctuary was increased to 1300. Couch Chapel and the Hunter activities building were added in 1964. In 1972, a steeple was added to the church. The church now has a television studio, a Human Resource Center, an Adult Education Building, a parking garage, and four parking lots.

How to Get There:

The church is located downtown on Common St., at the head of Texas St. ... 5-6 blocks from Market and Spring Streets.



Sibley United Methodist Church



City	Sibley
Address	403 S. Main St.
Membership	42
Founded	1875

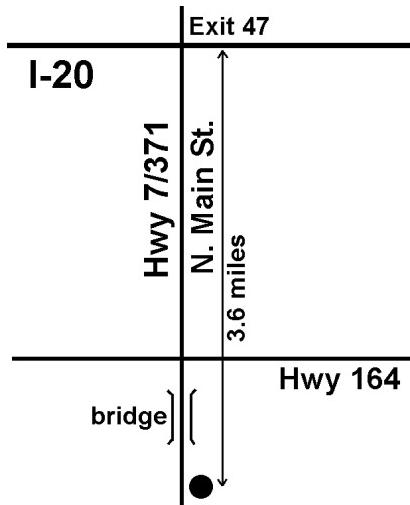
Services were first held in Lanesville by circuit riders passing through the area. First held in private homes, services were held at the school after it was built. After John G. Lane passed away in 1893, his wife donated land to the church. That first church, built in 1895, was a Union church named Lanesville Chapel.

When the railroad was built through the area in 1884, the community's name was changed to Sibley. The church's name was likewise changed on January 1, 1913. After serving as a Union church for many years, it became a Methodist church under the leadership of Rev. W.R. Lyons in 1938. Construction on a parsonage began in 1939 while Rev. Rex Squyres served as pastor. The parsonage was completed in 1943.

Fundraising for a new church was started by Rev. J.C. Rousseaux in 1954. Each member would donate money to the fund in a bank kept at the church. Construction began under Rev. Jimmie Pyles' leadership in 1956. The church was dedicated in 1968 when Rev. H.W. Longfellow was the pastor.

How to Get There:

From exit 47 on I-20, go south on Hwy 371/7, approximately 3.5 miles to Sibley. The church and cemetery are located on the left of Main Street (Hwy 371/7) just past the Hwy 164 intersection and bridge.



Springhill United Methodist Church



City	Springhill
Address	104 4 th St. NW
Membership	651
Founded	1897

The first Methodist service in Springhill was led by Rev. R.W. Vaughan. He preached in a planning shed of the Pine Woods Lumber Company in 1895. The next year, he returned to start a Sunday School. A small building was built by the lumber company in 1896. Methodist services were also held in the area at Blockers Chapel. Over the next couple of decades, Blockers Chapel grew smaller as Springhill grew larger.

When Rev. William Martin was appointed to the charge in 1897, the church was organized. Services were held in the small building until it was destroyed by a tornado on March 9, 1902. For the next five years, services were held at an old school at the east end of Boucher Street.

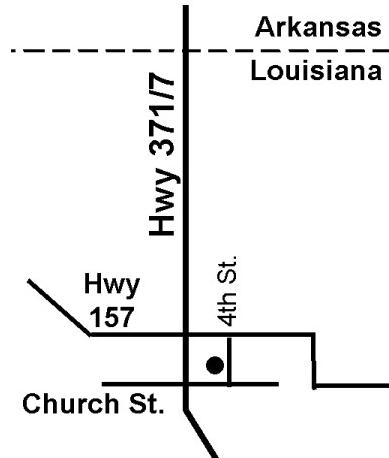
In 1907, the lumber company built a new church. In those days, all of the denominations shared the same building. The site faced south towards Church Street. By 1918, the Methodists wanted to build a church of their own. The 1907 structure was sold to the Baptists for \$500 and moved elsewhere. The Methodists built a new church structure on the Church Street location.

The lumber company gave the land to the church and also provided a house to use as a parsonage.

In 1931 and in 1940, additional space was added for classrooms. A new education building was constructed in 1950-51.

How to Get There:

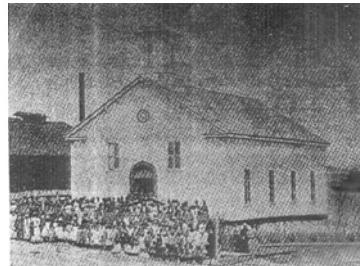
Take exit 44 from I-20 and head north on Hwy 371/7 to Springhill. In town, turn right on Church St. (the high school is on the left). Turn left on 4th St. NW and the church will be on the left.



St. James United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	850 Hope St.
Membership	188
Founded	1863



1874

In November 1863, twelve free black members of First Church left that congregation and started meeting outside the city limits on Hart's Island Road. They soon formed a society and met in private homes. They were led by Rev. T.G. Montgomery and Rev. River Landry. They met in the home of Mrs. Mariah Boyd on June 8, 1866. Rev. R.K. Dioossy called the church Boyd's Chapel.

In 1867, three lots were purchased on Lake Street for \$250. The church was renamed St. James in April and Rev. John Boyd was appointed as pastor.

In 1874, a new structure was built on Lake Street under the leadership of Rev. S.F.H. Morant. After the church was burned down in 1898, it was rebuilt the following year under the leadership of Rev. James O. Brown.

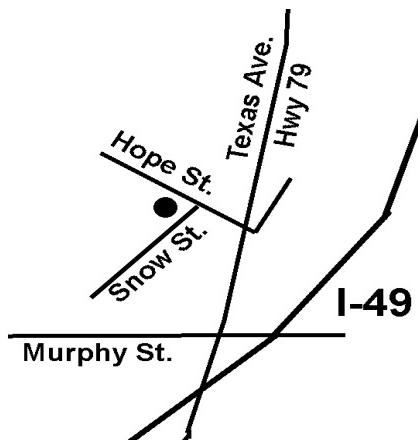
Rev. J.C. Calvin was appointed in 1948 and assigned the task of relocating the church. Six lots on the 1600 block of Garden Street were purchased the following year, but there was resistance from nearby white land owners. In 1951, the church bought the Central Christian Church on 850 Hope Street for \$75,000. The Day Care Center began that same year.

The church parsonage at 945 Lewis Place was purchased in 1962 under the leadership of Rev. John L. King.

In 1971, St. James hosted the final Louisiana Annual Conference B gathering. The following year Rev. John D.V. Hamilton led the church in purchasing a lot next to the church, purchasing a new organ, and repairing the education building. Stained glass windows were consecrated in 1994. A marker was placed on the Snow Street side of the church in 1995, recognizing the church's listing in the National Historical Registry.

How to Get There:

Go about 1/6 of a mile west of I-20 on Murphy St. Turn north on Texas Ave. Take the first left onto Hope St. Though Snow veers to the left, take Hope (to the right) and the church will be on your left.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	6020 Youree Dr.
Membership	435
Founded	1958

In early 1958, the Shreveport District Board of Missions wanted to start a church in a growing area of Shreveport. A parsonage at 255 Roma Drive was made available and Tracy Arnold was appointed to start the new church. The first meeting place was the Broadmoor Theater, while Sunday School classes were held in the Scout Huts at the A.C. Steere Park. Rev. Arnold had to carry in a portable pulpit, hymnals, and lights hooked up to an extension cord. Since there was no baptismal font, the first baptism had to use a paper cup. The new church was chartered on September 21, 1958. By the end of the year, there were 101 charter members.

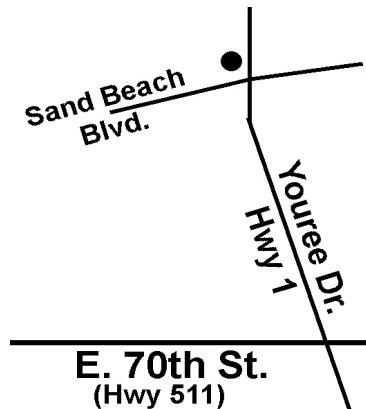
In November 1958, they began holding services at Brown Chapel at Centenary. Land for a church site at 6312 Sandbeach Blvd. was purchased on January 8, 1959. Groundbreaking on the new church was on May 14, 1961. By March 1962, the construction was completed. An addition was built in 1968.

In the 1970s, the church began to open its doors to allow others ... such as LSU-S students, Weight Watchers, the Sentry School ... to use the facilities.

In 1974, a parsonage was purchased at 7505 Camelback Drive. A new wing and a flexible activity/class room was built in 1976-77. The sanctuary was renovated in 1977-78.

How to Get There:

Head north on Youree Drive (Hwy 1) from E. 70th St. (Hwy 511). After about half a mile, you'll get to Sand Beach Blvd. The church will be on the left at the NW corner of the intersection.



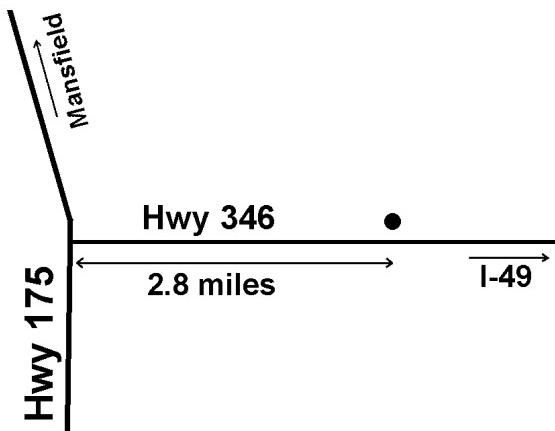
St. Matthew United Methodist Church



City	Oxford
Address	Rambin Rd.
Membership	29
Founded	

How to Get There:

About 0.4 mile east of the RR tracks on Hwy 84 in Mansfield, take Hwy 175 (Louise St.) south. After 11 miles, you'll take a left onto Rambin Road. The church and cemetery will be 2.8 miles ahead on the left.



St. Paul United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	1001 Pierre Ave.
Membership	237
Founded	1865



1871-1926

In the spring of 1865, Rev. Joseph Samuel (Par Sam) Armstead and about ninety black members left First Church to form the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. A one room church was soon constructed that also served as the first black school in Shreveport. When the Mississippi Mission Conference was formed on December 25, 1865, St. Paul was a part of the new Conference. St. Paul is the oldest predominantly black church in the city of Shreveport.

Rev. Armstead was still leading the church when St. Paul's second church was built in 1869-71 on the 600 block of Caddo Street. That church had a bell tower that would signal noon for the city of Shreveport. Mrs. Alice Moss was known as the "Mother of the Church" at that time. In 1903, the city legalized the "Red Light District" in the area where the church was located.

The current structure was built on the corner of Pierre Avenue and Looney Street from 1924 to 1926. The church was led by Rev. J.A. Williams and made possible by donations from faithful lay persons like Benjamin Stephens. The consecration and dedication service was held on September 26, 1926.

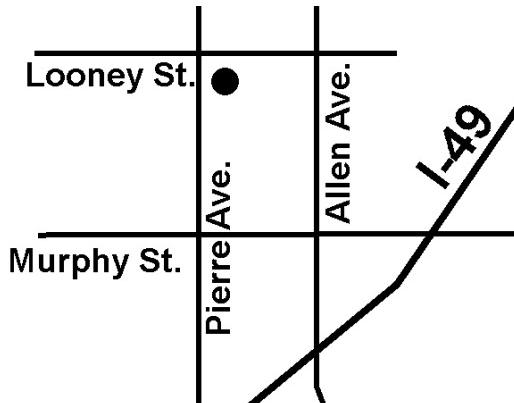
A parsonage was purchased and the church debt paid off under the leadership of Rev. J.D. David (1947-52).

In 1967, the church was completely renovated at a cost of about \$100,000. The church was dedicated on December 31, 1967 under the leadership of Rev. Abraham E. Davis.

While Rev. Nathan Daniels, Jr. was pastor (1978-90), a Baldwin organ was installed (1985), an outdoor church sign was donated to the church in memory of Mrs. Mable Lewis Walker (1986), and the church nursery was renovated in memory of Mavis Kay Blake (1986). In the 1990s, windows were donated to the church by Dr. Selyc S. Collins and by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dixon. The sound system for the church was renovated by Rev. Kenneth Fisher.

How to Get There:

About half a mile west of I-20 on Murphy St., turn north on Allen Avenue. Turn left on the second street to the left (Looney St.). The church will be at the end of the block on the left, just before Pierre St.



Summer Grove United Methodist Church



City	Shreveport
Address	9119 Dean Rd.
Membership	687
Founded	1942

On May 24, 1942, retired Methodist minister S.S. Bogan organized a small group of Summer Grove residents at the home of Mrs. Daisy Hendrick. At that time, the nearest Methodist church was in Shreveport. They soon got permission to hold services at the Summer Grove School. Starting with 24 charter members, the community was canvassed to generate funds and new members. After four years, construction began in February 1946 and was completed by November. The sanctuary and five classrooms were dedicated on November 24 in a service led by Bishop Hoyt Dobbs. A parsonage was soon built next to the church. A small education building was constructed in 1949. In 1953, the sanctuary was expanded during the pastorate of Rev. W.B. (Jack) Shaw. Seating space increased from 132 to 232.

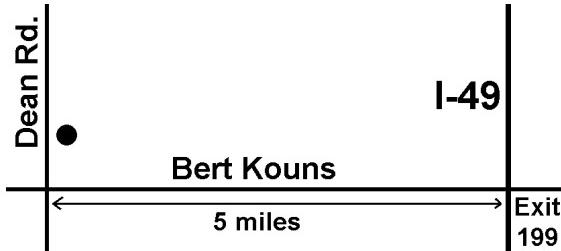
In the mid 1950s, Rev. J.P. McKeithen led in the expansion of the education building, which was renamed Bogan Hall. A new parsonage was built on Flournoy Lucas Road in 1960. The old parsonage was converted to a Junior department. In 1965, Rev. Otis Spinks led the congregation in building a new education building. It was named the Don Ramsey Memorial Hall, in memory of a member.

After discussing the possibility of remodeling in 1978, it was decided to relocate in 1979 while Rev. Robert E. Carter was the pastor. In 1979-80, property was purchased. The former church property was sold for \$500,000, with the stipulation that the church could use most of the facilities during the construction of the new church. The first service in the new church was on Easter Sunday, April 3, 1983. Bishop Kenneth Shamblin presided over the dedication service on May 15, 1983. Along with a sanctuary, an education building and a multi-purpose building were constructed. The old time capsule was opened in 1984 and a new one placed near the office door.

Source: History of Summer Grove United Methodist Church, Carolyn W. Bahm

How to Get There:

From I-49, take exit 199 and head west on Hwy 526 (Bert Kouns). After 4.5 miles, turn right on Dean Road. The church will be on the right side.



Vivian United Methodist Church



City	Vivian
Address	223 W. Louisiana Ave.
Membership	304
Founded	1904



Vivian M.E. Church, 1917

Services in Vivian began in 1893/4 when the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was built. Other denominations, including the Methodists, took turns using the building. In 1904, the Methodist church was organized. The itinerant pastor would come by to hold services once a month. When the Baptists built their own church in 1905, the Methodist pastor gave more services at the church. As the Presbyterian membership dwindled, the Methodists became the only denomination meeting at the church at that time. Rev. Robert Harp was the pastor then. The first full-time pastor was Rev. J.A. Alford was the first full-time Methodist pastor from 1912-1915.

Construction on the first Methodist church began in the summer of 1916 and took a year due to bad weather. It was finally completed in the fall of 1917. After renting a home for the pastor, the church bought its first parsonage in 1917 while Rev. B.F. Crews served as pastor.

By 1924, a lot was purchased and the home on the property used for the parsonage. The former parsonage was used for Sunday School classes and was later sold and moved off the property. In the mid 1930s, Rev. L.N. Hoffpauir had the old parsonage connected to the church, creating a large room in-between. In 1936, the lot between the church and parsonage was purchased from the Long heirs for \$800. A new parsonage was constructed in 1938.

Bishop Martin gave the message when the cornerstone was laid on September 3, 1947 for a two-story education building. The building was completed the following spring at a cost of \$35,000.

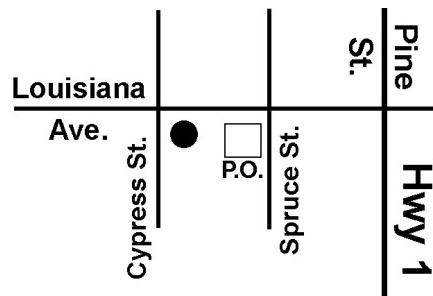
In April 1948, demolition of the sanctuary began. The pastor at that time was Rev. J.C. Sensintaffar. The annex was sold and moved. The new brick Colonial-design church was completed at a cost of \$50,000. The first service was held on January 15, 1950. When classroom space ran low in 1955, the church began using the parsonage for Sunday School and a new parsonage was built at 709 West Arkansas Avenue. The garage was later (1960) converted into a classroom for young adults.

In the early 1960s, the W.C. Burr Memorial Library was set up. An activities building was completed under the leadership of Rev. Terry Willis in 1989-90.

Source: His Story: 1904-1966; Lillian Horton

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 1 out of Shreveport and go to Vivian. In town, turn left on Louisiana Avenue. The church is on the second block to the left, just past the post office.



Walker's Chapel United Methodist Church



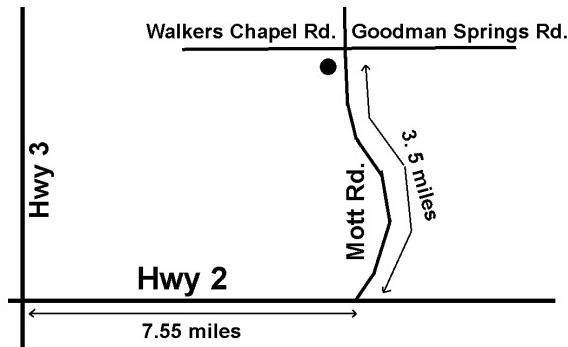
City	Plain Dealing
Address	Mott Rd.
Membership	39
Founded	1844

The church was organized in 1844. In July 1856, Asa Hearne sold the church six acres of land for nine dollars. In 1892, the church was relocated three miles away to a piece of land donated by John and Parthenia Matlock.

The current church structure is the third building on the site. Built in 1980 under the leadership of Rev. Terry Lowe, it includes a sanctuary, a fellowship hall, and classrooms. The current membership includes many descendants of the early church forbearers.

How to Get There:

Take Hwy 2 east out of Plain Dealing. After 7.5 miles, turn left (north) on Mott Rd. The church will be 3.5 miles down the road on the left, at the corner of Walker's Chapel Road/Goodman Springs and Mott Rd.



Wesley United Methodist Church



City	Mansfield
Address	Polk St.
Membership	97
Founded	1866



1967

The church began on November 10, 1866 when eighteen people became charter members of the Greenleaf Methodist Episcopal Church. Services were first held under a brush arbor built in the area of today's Bernard Street. The church was admitted to the Louisiana Conference in 1870 and the first pastor, Rev. Stephen Humphrey, was appointed. On May 13, 1872, land was purchased from Mr. Israel Brown for \$25. A frame church was soon constructed. It was located on a hill opposite Union Cemetery near Gibbs Street. The name was changed to Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church. The home of Mr. William Gardner served as the first parsonage.

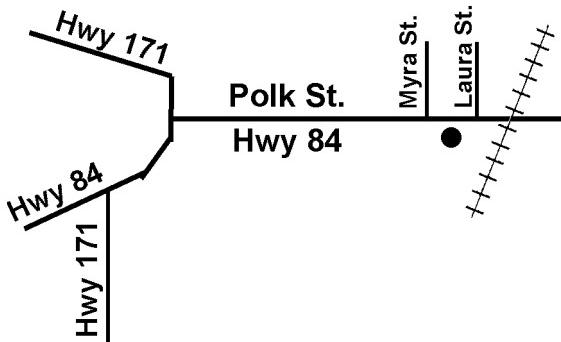
Under the leadership of Rev. A.J. Turquise, the congregation bought another lot in 1888. It was located on Gibbs Street near the K.C.S. Railroad crossing. An unknown man appeared and told them to stop building. Though he had no apparent authority, it caused the construction to be delayed for several years.

The present site at 938 Polk Street was acquired and a church was built in 1896 under the leadership of Rev. J.O. Brown. Educational opportunities for African-Americans were limited at that time, so the church began the Mansfield Academy for all persons desiring an education. As funds for the school dwindled during the Depression, the school closed its doors. The building was remodeled in 1952 under the leadership of Rev. J.E. Brown and the sanctuary was covered with stone.

In 1968, plans began for a new church. The trustees traveled to view churches around Texas and Louisiana. They finally went to Shreveport to have new plans drawn up by an architect, Mr. Bridges. The church was completed in December 1971 under the leadership of Rev. G.L. Thomas. The \$80,000, 25-year load was paid off by May 1987. Pew cushions and additional improvements were added in 1987. The parsonage interior was remodeled in 1990.

How to Get There:

Head into Mansfield on Hwy 171. Turn east onto Hwy 84. The church is about half a mile further on the right (before you get to the tracks).



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Coushatta
Address	Gus Smith Rd.
Membership	17
Founded	1881

In November 1881, heirs of John F. McMurray sold ten acres of land in the Halfway Community to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South for \$30. The land was formerly the site of the Coushatta Academy and Campground. The old Camp Shed was used for revivals and services were held in the Academy building. The church was called Coushatta Academy at that date. Rev. J.W. Hearn was the pastor at that time.

In 1887, a parsonage was built on the property. In March 1888, the circuit horse was sold for \$60 to apply to the parsonage and furnishings. The church was built by the men of the church. The furniture was made of pine and put together with square nails. The hickory framework was pegged together. Construction on the church was completed by the spring of 1888. The church was dedicated in the name of Wesley. At some point, it became known as Wesley Chapel. The first church membership record was begun in 1892 by Rev. Lewis Reed. Green Mangham donated half an acre of land next to the parsonage for the pastor to use as a garden. But by the next year, the parsonage wasn't being used. It was finally sold in 1903 and moved from the property.

Around 1913, Sunday School classes were held at the Carroll School.

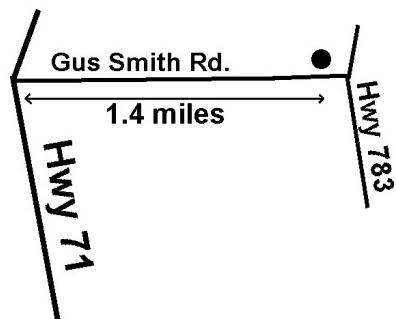
A tornado knocked the church from its foundation in 1933. Though it was repaired, the church was torn down and rebuilt in 1942 by Guy WImberly and Loftin Greer. In 1951, funds from a Box Supper were used to build the cemetery. A Turkey Dinner in 1952 raised money to install sheet rock and floor tile.

After the church burned down on August 27, 1985, it was rebuilt by May of 1986.

Source: Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Helen M. Price & Katherine P. Fowler

How to Get There:

Take Hwy. 71 north out of Coushatta. Turn right at Gus Smith Road. The church will be 1.4 miles ahead on the left, just before you get to Hwy 783. The cemetery is to the left of the church.



Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church



City	Aycock
Address	Hwy 146
Membership	150
Founded	1914

Shortly after the Civil War ended, Walton Wilson donated about four acres of land for a church and cemetery along Hwy 518 between Aycock and Lake Claiborne Dam. The only preachers to serve that church, named New Hope, were Wash Nickleson and Bloss Williams. The land and cemetery still belong to the United Methodist Church.

In 1913, a brush arbor was built along Hwy 146, at the site of the present church. A two-week revival was so successful that the New Hope congregation voted to move there. With the funds from the sale of the New Hope Church to Charlie Kilgore, the Wesley Chapel Church was built on three acres donated by F.A. Weaver and John Coleman on April 10, 1914. The pastor on the Wesley Chapel - Athens circuit at that time was Rev. W. R. Harvel. In later years, the communities of Marsalis (Crossroads) and Hurricane were later added to the charge.

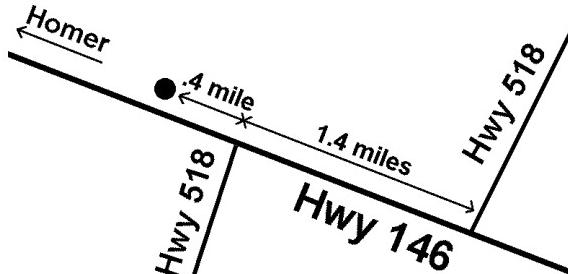
At first, Sunday School was held in the corners of the sanctuary. In 1947, the church was remodeled and partitioned into 3 classrooms. An old school was bought and moved behind the church. It was used as a recreation building for the young people and for pot-luck suppers.

Since 1965, Wesley Chapel has been on the Homer charge. The church is decorated with stained glass windows representing Biblical symbols. A recreation room and kitchen were added under the direction of Mrs. Lucille Harmon Owens with her father Steve providing the carpentry work.

As the church has continued to grow, a large fellowship room was added in 1983 (and dedicated in 1986). It has a large fellowship room and a fully equipped kitchen. The sanctuary was enhanced in 2000 and dedicated on April 1, 2001. The carpentry work was done by a father and son, Robert Earl Smith and Gary Smith.

How to Get There:

Head north to Homer from Minden on Hwy 79. Turn right on Hwy 146 and head SE. After about 11 miles on Hwy 146, the church will be on the left (about 0.4 miles before Hwy 518).



Whitehall United Methodist Church



City	Dykesville
Address	Hwy 521
Membership	48
Founded	1872

The White Hall church was built in 1872 by Rev. Jim Smith and his four sons. Land had been donated by Frank Hall, Rev. Smith's brother-in-law.

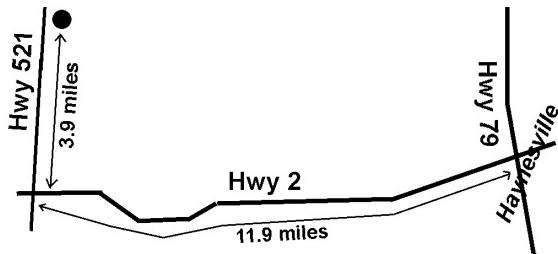
The church survived a tornado in the 1940s with minor damage. Four classrooms were added to the rear of the one-room church in 1949 under the leadership of Rev. Paul Cassels. Much of the wood for the addition came from the dismantling of the Hal Sales home, which had been bought for \$20. The concrete pillars were donated by Mr. J.W. Garland. The pulpit and pews were refinished and a new piano bought at that time as well.

Homecoming was held in August each year.

How to Get There:

Head north on Hwy 79 out of Minden. In Haynesville, turn left on Hwy 2 and go 11.9 miles. Turn right on Hwy 521. The church is on the right, 3.9 miles ahead. The cemetery is on the left.

If heading north from Minden on Hwy 159, take a right on Hwy 521 in Leton. You'll soon pass Hwy 2. Go 3.9 miles to the church.



Zwolle United Methodist Church



City	Zwolle
Address	Obrie St.
Membership	75
Founded	1897

Though Methodism had been at nearby Bayou Scie for decades, the church at Zwolle didn't begin until 1897. Rev. Sam Holladay, who was serving the Bayou Scie church, organized some of the Protestant English-speaking settlers who had recently moved to Zwolle into a church. The First Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Zwolle was the largest church on the circuit by the following year. Other churches that have shared a circuit with Zwolle include Converse, Many, Mitchell, Hornbeck, Neame, Noble, Pickering and Bayou Scie.

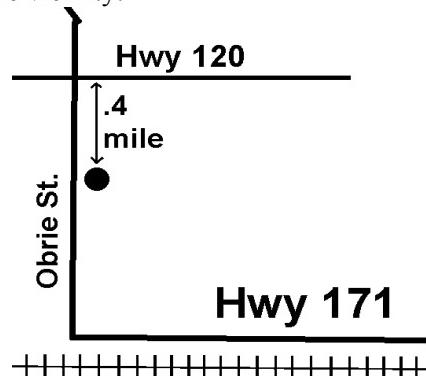
Some of the early members of the church were Senator R. L. Gay, Mrs. R.E. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Pearson, Mrs. J.S. Gray, Mrs. E.C. Leone Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. S. H. Porter. Church records do not record the date of the first sanctuary. One story is that Dr. R.L. Parrott stated that he would be the first person to join in the new sanctuary. He presented himself at the altar after the singing of the first hymn, was baptized, and received the membership vows. The recorded date of those vows is May 8, 1912. The pastor at that time was either Rev. J. C. Rousseau or T. D. Lipscomb.

As the church grew, larger accommodations became necessary. In the early 1940s, a new sanctuary was constructed on Port Arthur Street. It was completed in January 1942 under the leadership of Rev. A.M. Brown. The current church building was completed in 1964 under the leadership of Rev. Vernon Fairley

To date, the First United Methodist Church of Zwolle has been served by 50 pastors. When Toledo Bend Lake was created in the 1970s, it began an influx of people who moved to the area or began vacationing there. About half of the active membership today consists of persons who retired in the area or come to spend their weekends in the vicinity.

How to Get There:

The church is on the east side of Hwy 171 (Obrie St.) in Zwolle. If entering from the north, it is 0.4 mile south of the flashing light at the Hwy 120 intersection. If entering from the south, it is 0.4 mile north of where Hwy 171 makes a sharp right turn at the tracks.



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Appendix A

Discontinued Churches

Throughout the history of the Louisiana Conference many churches have disappeared from the list of appointments. Over the course of the creation of this Register, over three dozen churches in the Louisiana Conference have closed their doors or merged with other churches. Although this book does not include those churches in its scope, we would like to remember those churches and their service in providing a spiritual home for their members.



Godman UMC, discontinued 1999

Some church names have disappeared from the appointments, but their congregations merged with that of another church. Some church buildings have been sold, but are still standing and are used for other purposes. We are especially interested in churches that have been discontinued but are still maintained and owned by The United Methodist Church. Some of them are maintained and may be used for occasional events such as homecomings.



Selma UMC, discontinued 2000



Gibson UMC: built 1849, discontinued 1995

A section on discontinued and abandoned churches has been placed online at <<http://www.historicalregister.org/>>, the Historical Register website. If you have a photo and/or historical information on a church that is no longer active (due to discontinuance, abandonment, or merger), we'd appreciate a copy so that the information can be added online. Please send it in to <tim@la-umc.org>.



Trinity UMC, merged with Jennings, 1998



Marthaville UMC. discontinued 2001

Appendix B

Church Interiors

It would have greatly increased the effort if arrangements had to be made to open every church in the Conference, so interior photographs were not taken for most churches. A sample of some church interiors can be found below.



Elizabeth UMC



FUMC Houma



Oak Grove UMC [MO]



Columbia UMC



Boeuf Prairie UMC



Summerfield UMC

Appendix C

Other United Methodist Institutions in Louisiana

Besides the 530 churches in Louisiana, there are a number of other institutions related to United Methodism in the state. Though they are not detailed in this printed version of the Historical Register, information on each of them can be found in the book on the history of the Louisiana Conference, **Becoming One People**. For additional information online, the web address for each institution at the Conference website <<http://www.la-umc.org/>> is given.

- Campus Ministries <<http://www.la-umc.org/campus.htm>>
 - Grambling State University [Grambling]
 - Louisiana State University [Baton Rouge]
 - Louisiana Tech University [Ruston]
 - McNeese State University [Lake Charles]
 - Northwestern State University [Natchitoches]
 - Shreveport-Bossier City
 - Southeastern Louisiana University [Hammond]
 - Southern University [Baton Rouge]
 - Tulane and Loyola University [New Orleans]
 - University of Louisiana [Lafayette]
 - University of Louisiana [Monroe]
- Centenary College <<http://www.la-umc.org/centen.htm>>

After five decades in Jackson, LA, Centenary moved to Shreveport in 1908. It is known as one of the outstanding small private colleges in the country.
- Dillard University <<http://www.la-umc.org/dillard.htm>>

Dillard was formed when New Orleans University (founded by the M.E. Church in 1869 as the Union Normal School) merged with Straight College in 1930.
- Dulac Community Center <<http://www.la-umc.org/dulaccc.htm>>

The Center began as an outreach to the Dulac area in the early 1900s. The population of the area includes a number of Native Americans in lower Terrebonne Parish.
- Lafon Home <<http://www.la-umc.org/lafon.htm>>

The Lafon Nursing Home is a New Orleans residence for the elderly.
- Louisiana Methodist Children's Home <<http://www.la-umc.org/lmc.htm>>

Soon after its founding in Bunkie, the Home moved to Ruston in 1906. Though it served as an orphanage for many years, it currently serves a variety of children with needs.
- Louisiana Conference Center <<http://www.la-umc.org/confctr.htm>>

Built in the community of Woodworth in the 1990s, the Center serves as a gathering place for United Methodists in the state.
- MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services <<http://www.la-umc.org/macdon.htm>>

Founded in 1917 in Houma by deaconess Ella Hooper, MacDonell has served hundreds of children over the years.

- The Methodist Home for Children <<http://www.la-umc.org/methhome.htm>>
Founded in New Orleans in 1886, the Home adjusted its focus in 1973 to focus on abused and abandoned children.
- Pendleton Memorial Methodist Hospital <<http://www.la-umc.org/pendleton.htm>>
Pendleton has been serving health care needs in east New Orleans since 1968. Though recently sold, the Church still owns 10%.
- Peoples United Methodist Community Center <<http://www.la-umc.org/peoples.htm>>
Primarily devoted to working with children, Peoples has served the New Orleans community since 1922.
- St. Mark's Community Center <<http://www.la-umc.org/stmarks.htm>>
As a National Mission of the Women's Division of the GBGM, the center focuses on the self-development of children and women in New Orleans.
- UMCOR Sager-Brown <<http://www.la-umc.org/sagerbrown.htm>>
Begun in the 1800s as an orphanage and then a school, it now serves as a depot for UMCOR and assists in emergency needs around the Conference. It is located in Baldwin.
- United Methodist Foundation <<http://www.la-umc.org/umf.htm>>
The Foundation was founded in 1975 to offer financial assistance, advice, and management services to the churches and organizations of the Louisiana Conference.

Appendix D

A Concise History of the Louisiana Conference

by Tim Hebert

Methodists were anxious to carry the Gospel to Louisiana. Early Methodist circuit riders, such as Lorenzo Dow, ventured across the Mississippi River to preach in Louisiana at the beginning of the 19th century. Louisiana was primitive territory when the United States purchased it in 1803. Most of its occupants were of French and Spanish descent. Catholicism, which had been the state religion for over a century, was still the dominant denomination ... especially in south Louisiana. The Methodist Episcopal Church recognized the need to reach out to its people. Ministers were sent to the bayou, hills, and towns of Louisiana even before it was granted statehood in 1812.

Elisha Bowman was appointed as the first pastor to the Louisiana Territory by Learner Blackman, who was in charge of the Natchez District. After a short stop in New Orleans in late 1805, where his preaching was not well received, he proceeded westward. He organized the first official Methodist Society in Louisiana at Opelousas. There were seventeen members in the Society that year. The Opelousas church has sometimes been called the “Mother Church” of Louisiana Methodism. Rev. Bowman’s circuit extended from the Acadiana area (Opelousas circuit) up to central (Rapides circuit) and northern (Catahoula & Ouachita circuits) Louisiana.¹

Over the next four decades, dozens of societies and churches were formed around Louisiana. Typically, circuit riders would venture into new communities and hold services. Camp meetings and revivals were popular events that preachers used to reach the people. Hopefully, the people would respond and form a society. Larger congregations had their own pastors, while circuit riders often took care of several charges. These early Methodist pioneers planted roots which exist in our churches and in our people to this day.

Those roots would often be founded in the construction of a church. Some of the early buildings were Axley Chapel (1808), Old Salem (1810), Plaquemine Brulee (1820), and New Orleans (1825). Often, early churches buildings [like Opelousas, c. 1825] were union churches, shared with other Protestant denominations. Some early church buildings, like Bartholomew and Many, were joint efforts by Methodists and the local Masonic lodge. A few early churches, such as Bartholomew (1853) and Boeuf Prairie (1837) are still standing.²

Many places found themselves without a preacher at some time. For example, it was often hard to get a minister to serve in the Acadiana area of Louisiana. The population spoke a different language (French) and was steeped in the Catholic religion. Several French missionaries held services in Louisiana in the 19th century, including Charles Clark, Ebenezer Brown, and William Picot. Asbury himself had noted that the Church needed to reach out to the French; but French would not be reached effectively by Methodism until the French Mission work led by Martin Hebert at the turn of the century.³

Some of the early Methodist ministers in these first decades of Louisiana Methodism were William Winans, Thomas Lasley, James Axley, Benjamin Drake, William Stevenson, and Daniel DeVinne. Each minister had his own approach. Bishop McTyeire once said that Richmond Nolley persuaded sinners, Lewis Hobbs wept over them, and Thomas Griffin made them quail and shrink.⁴

Rev. Nolley may have been the first pastor to die in service in Louisiana. After courageously bringing the Gospel message to the people of Louisiana, he fell into a river one cold November day in 1814. Though he made it to shore, the struggle and cold weather took its toll, and he was found dead the next morning. His knee prints were found on the ground, indicating that he spent some of his final minutes in prayer.⁵

From the beginning, Methodism reached out to the African-American population, both free and those in slavery. At many early charges, the “black” membership outnumbered the “white”. Though the different races often attended the same services, sometimes there were different seating areas. “Colored” missions were conducted at plantations around Louisiana, such as LaFourche, Bayou Black, Baton Rouge, Caddo, Monroe, and Bastrop.⁶

In 1830, the Methodist Protestant Church was formed by Methodists who wanted more lay representation in the Church. Methodist Protestant ministers started arriving in Louisiana soon afterwards. Though the denomination was never very large in Louisiana, congregations were formed across the state. By the 1840s, Methodist Protestant churches had formed at Natchitoches, Greenwood, Bayou Mason, and Marion.⁷ They were led by pastors such as J. W. Jones, James Ford, and Elisha Lott.⁸

Methodist preaching to the German population took hold in the 1840s. People such as Peter Schmucker and Carl Bremer led the way in New Orleans, and several congregations were formed.⁹

Education has always been a part of Methodism. In 1845, Centenary College (founded in 1825) moved into the campus of the former College of Louisiana near Jackson, Louisiana. This put a qualified Methodist college within the state of Louisiana. Later, in 1854, Mansfield Female College was established and affirmed the importance of education for women.

When the Methodist Church divided into northern and southern branches in 1844, the Louisiana and Mississippi churches voted to become part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the 1846 General Conference, the formation of the Louisiana Conference was approved. It consisted of the state of Louisiana west of the Mississippi River, the Baton Rouge area, and the New Orleans area. Churches in the Florida parishes remained in the Mississippi Conference until 1894.

The first Annual Conference of the Louisiana Conference was held in January of 1847 in Opelousas. It was presided over by Bishop Joshua Soule. The new conference reported 4,715 white members and 3,329 “colored” (as they were listed then) members. Some of the pastors at that first conference were Philip Dieffenwierth, Stephen Davies, John Powell, Uriah Whatley, Lewis Reed, and Philo Goodwyn.¹⁰

Robert Harp exemplified the Louisiana Methodist pastor of the 19th century. Soon after feeling the call to preach at the age of fourteen, he transferred to the Louisiana Conference in 1846. He served appointments across the state in a ministry that lasted seventy-one years. An intelligent, unselfish, and gentle man, it was said that he lived the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians. His memoir stated that if Methodist ministers could ascend to sainthood, Rev. Harp would be placed at the head of the line.¹¹

Annual Conferences were held in various places around the state until the middle of the 20th century. From 1956 to 2003 (except for 1963), Annual Conference has been held each year at Centenary College in Shreveport.

The 1850 census shows that of the 306 churches in Louisiana, 125 of them were Methodist.¹² In that year, a M.E. Church, South publication (*The New Orleans Christian Advocate*) began to print the news from the Louisiana Conference (and neighboring areas). It was published until 1946 under the leadership of editors such as Linus Parker, Charles Galloway, Robert Harper, and W. L. Duren.

The M.E. Church began publication of *The New Orleans Advocate* (later called *The Southwestern Christian Advocate*) in 1866. It was edited by ministers such as Joseph Hartzell and Isaac Scott. The Methodist Protestant paper was known as *The Western Protestant*.

Methodism reached out to everyone in Louisiana, regardless of their race, culture, income, or social status. By 1860, there were several churches that ministered to German congregations. By 1875, German camp meetings were being held at Waldheim.¹³

When the Civil War came along, Methodist laity and clergy participated. There were over two dozen Methodist chaplains from Louisiana who served in the Confederacy. Some of

these were Holland McTyeire, John Hearne, A.D. McVoy, Clayton Gillespie, J.C. Keener, James Wright, and William Wingfield. Many churches were without pastors, and bishops couldn't attend conferences from 1861 to 1866. When pastors could not be present, laity (such as James Parker and Jacob Ueber in New Orleans) stepped up to hold the church together.¹⁴

Sometimes, a Methodist Episcopal Church, South pastor was replaced by someone from the northern branch. In Baton Rouge, the pastor at the First Methodist Church (N.A. Cravens) was taken prisoner and replaced by a pastor from the northern branch, though the congregation didn't accept him. Once the war was over, the churches were returned to the M.E. Church, South.¹⁵

After the war, the Methodist Episcopal Church (northern branch) formed the Mississippi Mission Conference in a December, 1866, meeting in New Orleans. A number of churches were founded in Louisiana soon afterwards. The Louisiana Conference of the M. E. Church was formed in 1869. Most of these congregations were made up of primarily African-American members. Most of the members and pastors came out of the M.E. Church, South. Some of the leading pastors were Scott Chinn, William Murrell, Anthony Ross, Pierre Landry, and Emperor Williams.¹⁶

The M. E. Church, South educational institutions, which had been forced to close during the war, were reopened. The M. P. Church soon established the Mount Zion Male and Female College. As the M. E. Church moved into the state, they also started educational institutions. The Union Normal School, begun in 1869, developed into New Orleans University. The LaTeche orphanage developed into LaTeche Seminary, later called Gilbert Academy.

The M. E. Church, South recognized that many black members wanted their own churches. The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was formed as an outgrowth of the M. E. Church, South in 1870. By and large, most blacks who had been served by the M. E. Church, South before the war now turned to either the M. E. Church or the C. M. E. Church.¹⁷

A Southern German Conference was organized in 1874 by the Methodist Episcopal church and soon incorporated the New Orleans area. Since Germans opposed slavery, some members moved to the northern branch of Methodism. German was spoken in these churches until about 1900.

The United Brethren Church made its way to Louisiana in the 1880s. Though the denomination had sixteen churches in Louisiana at one time, most of the congregations were discontinued or united with other congregations as the years went by.

When the Epworth League for youth was organized in the 1890s, Franklin Parker, Fitzgerald Parker, and C. W. Carter made resolutions for its formation in the Louisiana Conference. Eighteen chapters were formed in that first year. It would develop into MYF and then UMYF as the Church changed names.

The women of the Louisiana Conference, M. E., South organized their Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1879. Beginning in 1882, Bishop Hartzell's wife was instrumental in organizing chapters of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the M. E. churches.¹⁸ In 1893, the Mary Werlein Mission was started in New Orleans to assist women. It wasn't until about 1920 that the Methodist Protestant women began organizing chapters of the M. P. Woman's Missionary Society in their churches. After the United Methodist Church was formed, the woman's organization became known as United Methodist Women. Over the years, UMW has played a vital role in the ministry of the Louisiana Conference ... especially in the field of missions.

The ministry to the rural French population of south Louisiana finally took hold at the turn of the century. Led by Martin Hebert, the French Mission led to the formation of many churches serving both French and English-speaking people. The Church learned that it had to reach out to people in their own language. For example, the Methodist Church in Houma was the first church in the parish in 1845; but due to its lack of outreach to the local French, the church dissolved in the 1880s and wasn't revived until Rev. Hebert's success with the French Mission.¹⁹

Centenary College relocated to Shreveport in 1908 and had four professors and sixty-nine freshman and sophomores that first year. It has grown in size and quality since then to become one of the outstanding colleges in the nation.

A children's orphanage was established in Ruston in 1909, after temporarily being housed at Bunkie for three years. As the years have gone by, the home has gradually changed from an orphanage into a Children's Home for children from disturbed homes.

Louisiana has been served well by deaconesses through the years. Two sisters, Ella and Wilhelmina Hooper, provided years of service to the French and Indian natives of the Terrebonne-Lafourche area. Ella Hooper began a Wesley House in 1917 that soon developed into the MacDonell School. Wilhelmina joined her sister to briefly help out, and she ended up teaching at the Dulac Indian Mission for several decades. Both institutions, though altered in purpose, still serve their communities to this day.²⁰

In 1919, the Gilbert Academy merged with New Orleans College and the property in Baldwin was converted into the Sager-Brown Home ... named after two women in New York who had been instrumental in Louisiana mission work. For years, it served as a local school. Sager-Brown continues to serve the area as an important resource for mission work.²¹

In 1930, financial difficulties prompted New Orleans University into a merger with Straight College (founded by the Congregational Church in 1869). The "new" college, Dillard University, was named after a longtime proponent for the education of blacks, James Dillard. At the other end of the state, financial problems proved insurmountable for the Mansfield Female College, and it closed its doors.²²

For decades, there had been talk of merging the branches of Methodism. Finally, in the 1930s, three Methodist bodies voted to join together. The north and south branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church joined to form the Methodist Church. The uniting service for the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church, South Central Jurisdiction, was held at Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston on November 16, 1939.²³

We still were not truly united, however. The African-American churches, which comprised most of the M.E. congregations, were to be placed in a separate Central Jurisdiction and were absent from the proceedings. The Louisiana Methodist churches in the Central Jurisdiction tried to view the separation as an administrative arrangement that would be corrected as soon as possible. It would take a while, as Annual Conferences would be held separately for over thirty years.²⁴

Once again, when faced with war, Methodist laity and clergy did their part. By the middle of World War II, twenty-two pastors (such as Oakley Lee, Howard Ellzey, George Pearce, Jr.) of the Louisiana Conference were serving as chaplains in the army and navy. Some of the chaplains who served in hospitals were Lea Joyner, B.D. Watson, and Rex Squyres. Laity and clergy did their best to support the efforts of our men and women in service.²⁵

Although the local church organization for Methodist men was authorized by the Discipline in 1944, it took a number of years before chapters became commonplace. By the end of the century, there were about 100 chapters of United Methodist Men.

After the *Advocate* ceased publication, the *Louisiana Methodist* newspaper began a few years later. Though it has gone through changes over the years, it is still publishing the news of the Louisiana Conference.

After years of discussion, the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches merged in 1946. The two surviving United Brethren Churches in Louisiana, Trinity and Roanoke, became the only two Evangelical United Brethren churches in Louisiana. They were both founded under the leadership of Rev. E. J. Church in the 1890s. Trinity later (1998) merged with Jennings UMC.

Over the years, finding money to pay the pastor an adequate salary was a constant problem. By 1945, the annual salary for a minister in the Louisiana Conference, South Central Jurisdiction was \$1,800 if you were married and \$1,500 if single.²⁶

In 1952, a group of laypersons from First Church, Shreveport started the 1000 Club. Led by Bob Lay, the goal was to enlist 1000 people who would give ten dollars three times a year. The money was used to help new churches get started. Over the years, The Bob Lay Memorial 1000 Club has contributed over two million dollars and has helped over 100 churches.²⁷

Although the Evangelical United Brethren churches had shared the same religious ideals as the Methodists, they were rooted in the German language. Now that English had become everyone's major language, and owing to the similarity in doctrine, the denominations sought to join together. The resulting 1968 merger between the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church formed the United Methodist Church. Though some churches have members that have come from other branches of Methodism, Roanoke UMC is the last remaining Louisiana church founded as an Evangelical United Brethren congregation.

Even though the Louisiana Conference was called the United Methodist Church, things weren't entirely united. Though all of the Louisiana churches were now in the South Central Jurisdiction, from 1968 to 1971 the "white" churches were in what was known as Louisiana Conference A (since it was organized in 1847) while the "black" churches were in Louisiana Conference B (which was organized in 1869). After years of separation, talks had progressed to the point that the two Louisiana Conferences were ready to merge.

On May 31, 1971, over 2,800 members of Conferences A and B met at the Gold Dome at Centenary College in Shreveport. They were led by Bishop Aubrey Walton, who had been working towards this union for over a decade. Separate conference sessions were held at first. On the evening of June 1, both conferences met to complete the merger. Louisiana United Methodist churches were finally united.²⁸

The Episcopal residence was moved to the more central location of Baton Rouge in the 1970s. A Conference headquarters was completed at 527 North Blvd. in Baton Rouge in 1982.

For a number of years, the idea of a Conference Center in Louisiana was discussed. Finally, under the leadership of Bishop William Oden, the dream became a reality. In May of 1991, after having approved the concept at the 1990 Annual Conference, 400 acres of land were purchased six miles south of Alexandria. A six million dollar pledge drive was completed, and the Center and two lodges were constructed. The Center began operations in November of 1996. A chapel, funded by the Cursillo community, was built soon afterwards.²⁹

With the 1990s came VISION 2000. Local churches were called upon to set goals for the upcoming year 2000. A four year process emphasizing various aspects of ministry was initiated. Our VISION 2000 model was used by at least seven other conferences.

Due to its location, Louisiana has always been subject to this harmful side of nature. Throughout the years, churches have been damaged by hurricanes such as Audrey (1957), Betsy (1965) and Andrew (1992); but United Methodists have stood their ground and have rebuilt numerous church buildings through the years.

The Louisiana Conference made its first attempt at joining the internet community with a website in early 1997. When the company responsible for the site went out of business, Tim Hebert volunteered to construct a new website later that year. He still maintains the site, located at <<http://www.la-umc.org/>>.

At the 1997 Annual Conference ... under the leadership of Bishop Dan Solomon, the decision was made to switch from District and Conference Council on Ministries to District Ministry Teams. These teams were designed to be more hands-on and interactive with the local churches. Each DMT is led by the District Superintendent and a District Missioner.

The United Methodist Church in Louisiana is reaching out more than ever. It supports ministries within the state such as Dillard University, Centenary College, the People's and St. Mark's Community Centers in New Orleans, the Methodist Home in New Orleans, the Dulac Community Center, the Lafon Home in New Orleans, the MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, Pendleton Memorial Methodist Hospital in New Orleans, UMCOR Sager-Brown in Baldwin, and eleven campus ministries around the state. The Louisiana Conference is also

supporting the efforts of United Methodist outreach throughout the world with help, prayer, financial support, and love.

The 2003 Annual Conference approved a motion to hold the Conference in another part of the state once each quadrennium, with the 2004 Annual Conference being held in Lafayette. It will continue at Centenary for the other three years of each quadrennium.

As we enter the 21st century, the Louisiana Conference continues to be blessed by the faithful service of our clergy and their spouses. The clergy listed in this brief history are but the tip of the iceberg. We owe much of the success of our Conference to the spiritual leaders of yesterday and today.

Another integral part in the success of the Louisiana Conference has been the thousands of lay persons who have been instrumental in guiding our Church over the years. Many have their names in journal records and on church plaques; but many more have faithfully filled the pews each Sunday and have provided the backbone that has held this Church together.

The final factor in the success of the Louisiana Conference is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has blessed this state in so many ways. He has inspired, uplifted, comforted, encouraged, and loved us through good times and bad. Through it all, we know that we can do all things through Him who strengthens us ... our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Appendix E

Lessons Learned

If I may, I'd like to make some personal reflections on my experiences while compiling the Historical Register Project.

Finding some of our churches was a major dilemma. In one case, I asked a young man walking down the street if he could direct me to the church, and he said he hadn't heard of it. I found it a quarter of a mile away! A couple of decades ago, we had a bishop that urged our churches to make an effort to have adequate signage in front of our churches and in the community. I think it's time once again that we all take an objective look at our church signs and how easy it is for visitors to find our churches. I'm one of the first people to say that we should take advantage of the latest innovations such as the internet. Even if people can find out all about your church online, it is still important to have signs to help them to show up in person and to increase our visibility in the community.

I recall asking the pastor of the "white" church about the location of the other United Methodist Church in his town, and he could not tell me where it (a "black" church) was located. I found it, less than a mile away. In district and conference activities, I find no segregation with regard to race. But at the local church level, many people still view our churches as being either "black" or "white." If our church membership is to eventually become truly integrated in local churches across the Conference, I would suggest that more effort be made at joint activities if there are churches of different ethnicities in the same area.

Every year at Annual Conference, churches are discontinued or merged. We vote on it, but we don't take the time to reflect upon the history of those churches. Just as we remember those pastors that have passed away through the year, I wish we would take the time to remember the ministry of those churches before we close the door on their histories.

There are numerous small memories from the project. Some of them are: the increase of my negative attitude towards gambling when I couldn't find a hotel room due to the casinos in the area, being offered drugs after giving someone money for a meal in front of one of our churches, running from neighborhood dogs that weren't always as friendly as the people I met, and thinking I had encountered a war zone when I arrived in Castor the day after the 2000 tornado hit the town.

Since many churches were locked when I visited them, I wasn't able to enter and photograph the interiors. One of my favorite experiences was arriving at a country church that still left the door unlocked. It recalled a simpler time when people were more trusting and felt safer. My favorite church interior is probably FUMC Hammond, with its natural wood and green interior and the large windows behind the pulpit with a view of the sky and pine trees.

Though each church has its own beauty and heritage, perhaps my favorite church setting is the Shiloh UMC in Maringouin. It sits in front of a bayou, with a cemetery on the side and shaded by large oaks. In front of the church is a field. While I was there, the sun was setting over the field, and I couldn't help but feel the quiet serenity of that church.



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